THE WEATHER.

Local rains and warmer Friday; Saturday probably fair and colder.

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LONDON FEELS MORE HOPEFUL REGARDING BALKAN OPERATIONS

Italians Effect Landing on Albanian Coast — Anglo-French Reinforced.

BY BOTH MEN AND GUNS

Teutons Believed to be Negotiating With Greece to Strike at Saloniki.

Greece Likely Would Oppose Attack by Bulgarians.

London, Dec. 16. — There is a more hopeful feeling in London with regard to the Balkan operations now that it is definitely announced that the Italians have effected a landing on the Albanian coast and that the Anglo-French force, which has fallen back toward Saloniki, has been strongly reinforced with men and guns, including some heavy naval weapons.

Would Threaten Teutons' Right.

It is not stated how large a force the Italians will send to the assistance of the Serbians and Montenegrins, but from the fact that the official account intimates that other landings have been made at more than one port, it is taken for granted that an army of considerable proportions is to be sent across the Adriatic. This, with the Montenegrins and Serbians who escaped into Albania, will be a serious threat to the Central Powers' right flank, while they can never look on in idleness to the concentration of any army at Saloniki which, at a chosen moment, would undertake an offensive, and to the gathering of Russians in Bessarabia.

It is anticipated therefore that the Germans will strike at Saloniki before the Anglo-French forces grow too strong and it is believed with that end in view they are now negotiating with the Greek government.

If their plans include the participation of the Bulgarians in the attack they are likely to meet with opposition from Greece, as Greece is strongly adverse to any Bulgarians crossing her frontier. This applies also to some extent to the Austrians whose ambitions always have been for a port on the Aegean, preferably Saloniki.

Might Prefer Allies Holding City.

On the whole, therefore, it is thought here that the Greeks might prefer to see the Entente Allies remain there until the end of the war. In fact, Lord Robert Cecil, under-secretary of foreign affairs, said in the House of Commons today that the Anglo-French plan was to keep the Central Powers from that city in accordance with the wishes of Greece.

Reports that the Germans are preparing for an offensive in the West persist but thus far there has been little but artillery engagements and aerial fights and raids.

General Townshend, commanding the British forces in Mesopotamia, reports the repulse of another attack at Kut-el-Amara, since which the Turks have been quiet.

TO CHEAPEN FOOD SUPPLIES.

Reichstag Budget Committee Adopts Various Resolutions.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 16.—The budget committee of the Reichstag has adopted various resolutions looking to the regulation and cheapening of food supplies. These resolutions include a reduction in the maximum price of sugar and bi-products, the fixing of maximum prices for rice and vegetables of all kinds, as well as foodstuffs for live stock and providing for special allowance of grain to breeders of animals and poultry.

The committee also discussed a proposal to reduce the war salaries of the higher officers in order to secure funds for increasing the privates' pay. The socialists finally offered a resolution demanding a thorough revision of all military salaries.

FOOD BY PARCELS POST

Large Quantities Being Sent From America to Germany.

London, Dec. 16.—"Considerable quantities of food are being sent to Germany by parcel post from America and we are in communication with our ambassador at Washington on the subject," Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, informed the House of Commons today in reply to certain questions.

The Citizens Committee for food shipments to Germany and Austria announced in New York last week it had delivered to the United States postoffice its first packages of food, consisting of condensed milk, lard and rice, to be shipped as first class mail. These parcels, the committee said, were for starving children in Germany and Austria.

Gloversville, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Jesse Seligman, treasurer of the Gloversville Luther Company, and Mrs. Seligman were found dead in bed at their home here today. In Seligman's hand was a revolver with which he evidently had killed his wife and then shot himself. In an adjoining room their little daughter Mary, three years old, today was found at play. Seligman left a note reading: "This is the only way out for it."

D'COPPET ELECTED SWISS PRESIDENT

Americans Witness Brief Ceremony in Assembly.

IC NO TIME FOR PEACE

New Executive Says Time for Serious Action is Not in Sight—Neutrality in Switzerland is Serious Problem.

Berne, Switzerland, via Paris, Dec. 16.—Camille DeCoppet was today elected president of the Swiss republic, and Edmund Schulthess, vice president. M. DeCoppett is a former minister of justice and the present vice president of the republic. The elections were held at a special joint session of the national assembly today.

The American minister to Switzerland, Pleasant A. Stovall, with a party of Americans, occupied seats in the diplomatic gallery. The ceremony was brief, resembling a joint session of the American Congress to count the electoral vote for President.

In talking to an Associated Press correspondent after his election, M. DeCoppet referred to the simplicity of Swiss elections as compared with the extensive preparations for the campaigns for the election of executives in the United States.

"The interests of the United States and Switzerland," he said, "are much the same. We both belong to republics with the same ideas and aspirations, and just now the same international policy of remaining strictly neutral in the present war.

"However, America views the conflict from a distance, whereas our geographical position makes neutrality a very serious question.

"Yet we have succeeded in maintaining absolute neutrality, not only with our military forces, but also with every humane activity which Switzerland has been called upon to perform, such as the passing of exchanged wounded soldiers across our territory, looking after more than a hundred thousand persons dispossessed from invaded regions and in administering an entire postal service between prisoners of war of the various belligerent countries and their relatives. All this has been done with rigid impartiality, exactly the same considerations being shown the French, Italians, Germans, Austrians and others."

When M. DeCoppet was asked about peace and the possibilities of action in this direction by the neutral governments he shook his head and said:

"The time has not yet come for any serious movement toward peace and it is difficult to say when that time may arrive, with all the parties so firmly fixed against considering the question."

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—An order in council has been issued prohibiting the export of Canadian hay except to Great Britain and allied countries. There has been a great rush of hay to the United States this year and the authorities deem it necessary to stop this to assure an adequate supply toward the Allies' war needs.

DR. WALTER C. MURPHY IS RELEASED ON BOND

Attorneys Say He Has Committed No Unlawful Act.

Gives $5,000 Bond and Will Probably Come to Burgaw to See His Mother Who is Seriously Ill—Warren in Washington.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Dr. Walter C. Murphy, who was held for the action of the grand jury a few days ago in connection with the death of Mrs. Estelle Crawford, who died as the result of a criminal operation, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury, was released today on $5,000 bail.

A. McL. Graham, of Clinton, a relative of the Washington physician, and W. D. Croom, of Burgaw, came here today to look after the interest of the accused physician.

Attorneys for Dr. Murphy state that the case has been exaggerated and that Dr. Murphy will have no difficulty in proving that he has committed no unlawful act.

Dr. Murphy will probably go to Burgaw tomorrow to visit his mother who is seriously ill.

Warren in Washington.

State Chairman T. D. Warren, of Newbern, is here and will confer with Senator Simmons. It is the understanding here that Mr. Warren will go over the general political situation in the State which, according to rumors reaching Washington, is none too satisfactory to the organization.

P. R. A.

Owner of Seized Ships.

Richard G. Wagner.

England has notified the State Department that it will take the steamers Hocking and Genessee of the American Trans-atlantic Company to London for prize court adjudication. Richard G. Wagner, president and majority stockholder in the company, insists that only American capital is invested, and is protesting vigorously at the action of the British government. Mr. Wagner was born in Milwaukee on March 30, 1862.

WOMAN'S VOTE IS NEEDED IN SOUTH

Southern Women Want Nation-Wide Enfranchisement

MRS. JACOBS DECLARES

Suffrage Advocates and Opponents Debate Proposed Federal Constitutional Amendment Before Congressional Committee.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Woman suffrage advocates and opponents debated the proposed Federal suffrage amendment today before congressional committees. Representatives of the National Woman Suffrage Association, the Congressional Union and the National Association Opposed to Suffrage were given a hearing by the judiciary committee of the House, and the Congressional Union delegates also appeared before the Senate committee on suffrage.

Southern women want the vote and need it as much as the women of other sections, Mrs. Pattie R. Jacobs, of Birmington, Ala., told the House judiciary committee today. Mrs. Jacobs is president of the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association.

Chairman Webb demanded to know why the women did not ask the state for the vote instead of "bothering Congress with something it had nothing to do with."

Want Nation-Wide Vote.

Mrs Jacobs said the women of the South don't wish to be confined to enfranchisement within state limits, but want a nation-wide vote. They needed the vote particularly to protest those who were compelled to work in factories, she said.

In the course of her testimony Mrs. Jacobs became engaged in an argument with Representative Whaley, of South Carolina, as to whether there was a law in that state limiting the hours women were permitted to work. Mrs. Jacobs took the position that there was no such law.

At the Senate hearing Senator Ransdell called attention of the suffragists to the contention that the Southern women did not want the ballot because of the negro woman vote. Miss Francis Joliffe, of California, replied that it was not the negro question that endangered suffrage in the South, but factory owners employing women and children.

The House committee was kept busy throughout the day, listening first to the National Association speakers headed by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, their president, then to those of the congressional union led by Miss Alice Paul, and finally to the anti-suffragists with their president, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge.

Are Closely Questioned.

Members of both committees questioned spokesmen of the Congressional Union closely as to their reasons for campaigning in the last election against Democratic candidates for re-election to the House who had supported the suffrage cause. Miss Paul, Mrs. Minna Van Winkle, of New Jersey; Mrs. Lillian Ashcough, of Connecticut, and other speakers frankly declared that they had opposed these candidates because they had participated in a Democratic caucus which decreed that the Federal suffrage amendment should not be made a part of the legislative programme at the last session. Several of the women remarked that their campaign had been effective, as the Democratic leaders now were not proposing to present a vote on the amendment by caucus action.

Dr. Shaw, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and other members of the National Association declared they did not sup-

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HOUSE VOTES TO EXTEND WAR TAX

Kitchin Declares It a Duty to the Administration.

DEFENDS TARIFF LAW

Republicans, Voting Solidly Against Resolution, Joined by Five Progressives and Five Democrats—Vote 205 to 189.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The House tonight by a vote of 205 to 189 passed the joint resolution extending the emergency revenue tax until December 31, 1916. The Senate is expected to take like action in a day or two. The law is expected by administration leaders to bring revenue into the treasury at the rate of $82,000,000 a year.

The Republicans, voting solidly against the resolution, were joined by the five Progressives and five Democrats—Callaway, Texas; Hillyard and Keating, Colorado; Buchanan, Illinois, and Wingo, Arkansas. Several proposed amendments to shorten the period of extension were voted down.

Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, in his first speech as majority leader, told the House that unless the law was extended the Treasury would face a deficit of more than $81,000,000 at the end of the next fiscal year.

"We Democrats know that no tax is popular in time of peace," he said, "but we would be unworthy of the record of the Democrats under this administration and this Congress if we did not have the courage and patriotism to arrange sufficient revenue to meet the government's absolute necessities."

Mr. Kitchin strongly defended the present tariff law, declaring it was in no respect responsible for the necessity of continuing the emergency revenue law.

"From the time the Underwood bill went into effect until the opening of the European war," he said, "we raised $20,000,000 more than was raised in the same interval under the Payne-Aldrich act.

"There is not a thoughtful man, there is not a student of revenue matters who will be honest with himself and make an investigation, who will not come to the conclusion that if the Payne-Aldrich act had been on the statute books we would have had to raise many millions of dollars more than we have to raise now and that we would have had many million dollars more of deficit than we have now."

Mr. Kitchin gave many figures in support of his argument.

Minority Leader Mann urged that extension for a shorter period was preferable and former Speaker Cannon suggested an issue of Panama Canal bonds to meet the deficit.

It is expected that a general programme of revenue legislation, which may involve revision of the emergency tax law, will be worked out by Democratic leaders soon after the holiday recess which probably will begin Saturday.

The Senate finance committee today authorized Chairman Simmons to report the House resolution extending the emergency war tax. Republican members of the committee sought to have it extended only until June 30, 1916, but were outvoted. They will try to amend it in the Senate.

One Pint For Each Day In Whole Year

W. M. WHITTEN ARRESTED AT RALEIGH UPON RETURN FROM VIRGINIA WITH TEN SUIT CASES FULL IN AUTO.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—The most sensational arrest made here in a great while in enforcement of the prohibition law occurred today when the police arrested W. M. Whitten for having in his automobile 365 pints of liquors packed in ten suit cases. He had just stopped his machine at the residence of John U. Smith, having been to Petersburg for the whiskey.

He claims that he made the trip for Smith, and has been released under $100 bond with State's evidence immunity for having implicated Smith, a wealthy former saloon-keeper, who will answer charges tomorrow. A. L. Bailey, who was in the machine with Whitten, is in jail unable to give bond required.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE:

Met at noon.

Finance committee authorized favorable report on war tax extension resolution.

Adjourned at 3:30 P. M. till noon Friday.

HOUSE:

Met at noon.

Extension of emergency revenue law debated.

Ways and means committee Republicans filed report on the emergency revenue bill, charging the new tariff instead of war conditions as the cause of the Treasury deficit.

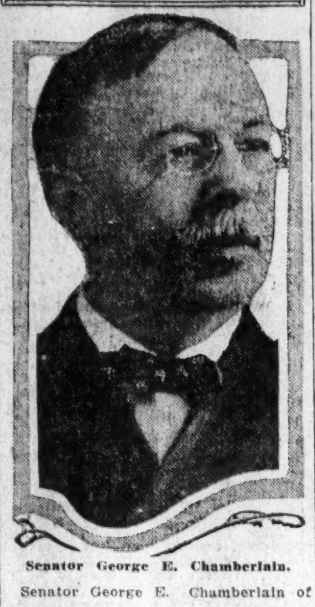
Judiciary committee heard suffrage speakers.

Military, roads and other House committees met to organize for the 65th Congress.

Passed by vote of 205 to 189 a resolution extending the emergency revenue law until December 31, 1916, after an all day debate and without amendment.

Adjourned at 6:20 P. M. until noon Friday

Proposes Conscription.



Senator George E. Chamberlain.

Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of Senate committee on Military Affairs, has introduced a bill in Congress proposing conscription for all between the ages of twelve and twenty-three. It is proposed that from twelve to seventeen all eligible young men should be organized into cadet corps, and from eighteen to twenty-three into a citizen army.

URGE DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN TRADE

Discuss Better Relations With Latin America.

EDUCATE THE MASSES

Pleas Made at Southern Commercial Congress for National Chamber of Agriculture and Rural Credits.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 16.—Development of foreign trade relations, the part the postal service and Department of Commerce play in promoting better relations between the United States and Latin America, and better education for the masses, were among the chief topics before the Southern Commercial Congress here today. Pleas were made for a national chamber of agriculture, for a national system of rural credits for an enlarged merchant marine.

F. C. Schwedtman, of the foreign trade department of a New York city bank which deals with Latin-American countries, and Dr. J. W. Jenks, professor of government at New York University, emphasized the need for special commercial and geographical education for young business men both in domestic and foreign trade. They outlined methods now being adopted by colleges and large business houses to train men for Latin-American trade.

Urged to Mobilize Forces.

E. N. Hurley, of the Federal Trade Commission, urged the United States to "mobilize her forces" and enter the Latin-American field in earnest now "before the fierce competition" starts which "will come at the close of the war not only in foreign but in domestic trade."

He urged American manufacturers seeking Latin-American business to "try more earnestly to meet the requirements of that market."

P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, spoke on "Government and Education." After telling what his department was doing for education, Mr. Claxton advocated a "universal high school education" for "every boy and girl, black and white" on the grounds in brief that the initiative, referendum and recall place more and more governmental duties upon the masses of voters each year.

At the morning session Edwin F. merce, and Daniel C. Roper, first assistant postmaster general, told of what their departments were doing in promoting better understanding between the United States and her foreign neighbors.

John C. Ruge, of Appalachicola, Fla., presented obstacles in the export of canned goods to South America.

Victor A. Rendon, of New York, representative of a Mexican commission for regulating marketing of the sisal plant in Yucatan, who was on the programme was prevented by illness from being present.

Secretary Wilson Attends Today.

A conference on Southern labor and immigrant conditions, presided over by A. Camnetta, commission general of immigration, was held by agricultural commissioners of several Southern States. Secretary of Labor Wilson, it was announced, will attend the conference tomorrow, when resolutions recommending methods of improvements are expected to be adopted.

Tonight former Secretary of State Bryan and Surgeon General William C. Gorgas, U. S. A., were the chief speakers. Mr. Bryan made a plea for peace and General Gorgas discussed the "relation that modern tropical sanitation will probably have upon the future movements of populations."

Opens Vast Field for Trade.

Through science making habitable for the white race the rich agricultural areas lying along the Caribbean Sea and the nearby boundaries of the Gulf

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BREAK WITH AUSTRIA NOW PROBABLE OVER THE ANCONA ATTACK

NATIONAL LEAGUE MAGNATES WAITING

Mark Time With Possible Peace 24 Hours Away.

LEAGUES MEET TODAY

Much Detail to be Worked Out Before Final Settlement of War Between Organized and Independent Baseball is Made.

New York, Dec. 16. — Watchful waiting characterized the actions of the National League magnates here today. With the possibility of peace between organized and independent interests but 24 hours away, the senior league club owners passed the time with informal conferences and perfunctory duties until the American League peace committee could reach here from Chicago and the various organizations meet in formal manner.

While the American League and the minor associations announced the personnel of their committees for the peace conference, neither the National League nor the Federal League had selected their representatives late this evening. President Tener, of the National League, stated that his organization would go into session at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, at which time either a committee or the league as a whole would be delegated to attend the conference. Uncertainty existed among both the National and the Federal League officials regarding the size and powers of delegates to the committee appointed to act for the American League. Edward Barrow, president of the International League, and John H. Farrell, secretary of the National Association of Minor Leagues, will represent the latter organization at a meeting to be held early tomorrow afternoon.

Do Not Predict Outcome.

While there was much regarding the possible outcome of the peace conference, none of the magnates of either organized or independent interests would venture to predict the ultimate outcome of the conference or the time necessary to consummate the much-desired peace agreement. A prominent National League official said that if the various committees were empowered to proceed to a peace settlement the conference would continue for several days at least, since the numerous details could not be arranged satisfactorily to all parties without much deliberation and concession by all interests. If, on the other hand, the committees must first report back to their respective organizations for final instructions the meeting tomorrow would be adjourned, after the proposals had been discussed to a date which would be convenient for a ratifying conference.

Must Place Federal Players.

One of the doubtful contingencies is the future status of the Federal League players after the absorption of that league or its annexation by the National League. Harry F. Sinclair, one

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TIDE OF EMIGRATION TO U. S. DECREASING

Number of Immigrants Last Year Lowest in 20 Years.

Department of Labor Report Shows Drop From 1,218,480 for Year Ending June 1, 1914, to 326,700 for Past Year.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The tide of emigration to the United States ebbed to its lowest point in more than twenty years during the past fiscal year, according to figures made public today in the annual report of Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor.

The total number of immigrant aliens, the report shows, fell from 1,218,480 in the previous year to 326,700 in the period ending June 30 last. All admitted arrivals of aliens, immigrant and non-immigrant, were only 434,344 as compared with 1,403,501 the year before.

Departures of aliens, emigrant and non-emigrant, likewise show a notable decrease. For the fiscal year of 1914, departures were 633,805; for 1915, 384,174. The fiscal year of 1915 covers the period of sailing home of reservists from the beginning of the European war till June 30, last. During that time the emigrant aliens, presumably including the number sailing to join the colors in Europe, were 204,074, compared with 303,338 the previous twelve months. The non-emigrant aliens departing totaled 180,100 for

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Reply to American Note as Reported Unsatisfactory and Unacceptable

AMERICA STANDS FIRM

Is Prepared to Insist Upon a Prompt Compliance With Terms of the Note.

Will Send Second Note Before Severing Relations.

Washington, Dec. 16. — The United States will regard Austria-Hungary's reply to the American note regarding the Ancona as being entirely unsatisfactory and unacceptable, should the official text, which tonight was momentarily expected, be identical with the unofficial version received in press dispatches from Amsterdam and London.

Persistence by Austria-Hungary in the course she apparently has determined to pursue, would result in the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vienna government. This step would not be taken by the United States, however, it was authoritatively stated tonight, without one more communication being dispatched to Austria-Hungary.

America Prepared to Insist.

The United States is described as being prepared to insist that Austria-Hungary promptly comply with the demands for disavowal, punishment of the submarine commander, and reparation by payment of indemnity for the Americans killed or injured in the destruction of the Italian liner, making it clear that failure will mean immediate breaking off of relations. The second note, if necessary, it is said, would renew the original demands and without dealing in a discussion or exchange of views would be of even more insistent nature as to the expectations of compliance without further delay.

The State Department tonight had received no official information from its own sources that American Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, had been handed the reply. From Baron Swiedinek, charge of the Austro-Hungary embassy here, however, came the information that the reply had been delivered.

QUOTES FROM THE REPLY.

Correspondent Says Austrian Note Was Transmitted Tuesday.

London, Dec. 16.—The reply of the Austro-Hungarian government to the note from the United States relative to the sinking of the steamer Ancona by an Austrian submarine was handed to Frederick C. Penfield, United States ambassador at Vienna, on Tuesday, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to Reuters Telegram Company. The correspondent quotes from the reply as follows:

"From the sharpness with which the government of the United States believed it ought to censure the commander of the submarine and from the firmness with which the demands addressed to the Austro-Hungarian government appear to have been brought forward, it could be expected that the American government would clearly give the actual circumstances upon which it relies.

Sufficient Reasons Lacking.

"As can be easily recognized the representation of the circumstances contained in the note allows numerous doubts and gives not at all sufficient reasons for blaming the commander of the submarine and the Austro-Hungarian government, even if the representation proves correct in all points and judgment in the case, is based on the most rigorous legal interpretation.

"The American government also omitted to indicate the persons to whose statements it refers and to whom it apparently believes it must attribute a higher degree of trustworthiness than to a commander of the Imperial royal navy.

"As to the number, names and the details concerning the fate of the American citizens who, in the critical moment, were aboard the above mentioned steamer the note does not give any explanation. But in view of the fact that the Washington cabinet now has given a positive declaration that at the above mentioned incident subjects of the United States came to grief, the Austro-Hungarian government in principle is prepared to enter into an exchange of opinion with the American government. But in the first instance it must raise the question of why this government refrained from juridicially notivating the demands stated in its note with regard to special circumstances of the incriminating incident, which are especially pointed out by the American government, and in the place of such motivation mentioned an exchange of corre-

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RECOMMENDS LAW TO PROTECT TRADE

From "Unfair Competition" After the War Ends.

MAKE IT PUNISHABLE

Redfield Would Make Violation of Trade Laws by Foreigners an Offense Similar to Unfair Domestic Competition.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Legislation to protect the industrial and commercial markets of the United States from a "destructive type of struggle and unfair competition" at the close of the European war, is recommended to Congress today by Secretary Redfield, in his annual report. Every strategem of industrial war, he says, will be used by powerful foreign agencies against American industries which may menace large markets heretofore controlled abroad.

To prevent "unfair competition," the Secretary suggested that the machinery of the Departments of Justice and Treasury be used and that Congress supplement existing laws to give the Federal government adequate means to protect American markets.

"In my judgment," said the Secretary, "the matter is one which may be more wisely treated as an attempted wrong to be forbidden than as an economic matter which needs to be restrained. I should prefer, therefore, to de awlith it by a method other than tariffs, classing it as an offense similar to the unfair domestic competitions we now forbid. It seems possible that by using the existing machinery of the Treasury Department and Department of Justice we may restrain this foreign 'unfair competition' on both sides of the sea.

"I recommend, therefore, that such legislation be enacted as will give to the foreign representatives of the above-namd departments such added powers and increased personnel as they may need for this purpose, and that it be enacted if possible that merchandise sold in 'unfair competition' or under circumstances which tend to create a monopoly in behalf of the foreign producer in American markets shall be forfeited.

"I also recommend that legislation supplemental to the Clayton anti-trust act be enacted which shall make it unlawful to sell or purchase articles of foreign origin or manufacture where the prices to be paid are materially below the current rates for such articles in the country of production or from which shipment is made, in case such prices substantially lessen competition on the part of the American producers or tend to create a monopoly in American markets in favor of the foreign producer, and that it be made unlawful for any person to buy, sell, or contract for the sale of articles of foreign origin, or to fix a price for same or to make a rebate upon such price, conditioned upon the purchaser thereof not using or dealing in wares produced or sold by the competitors of the manufacturer or seller, where the effect is to substantially lessen competition in the production in the United States of such articles, or tends to create a monopoly in the sale of such articles in American markets in favor of a foreign producer.

"'Unfair competition' is forbidden by law in domestic trade, and the Federal Trade Commission exists to determine the facts and take steps to abate the evil wherever found. The door, however, is still open to 'unfair competition' from abroad which may seriously affect American industries for the worse. It is not normal competitors of which I speak, but abnormal. It is a destructive type of the industrial struggle, intended to put out of being the forces opposed to it that the victor may exploit the field at will. The methods used are not those of legitimate commerce, but those of commercial offense. They aim not at development, but at conquest.

"When the war shall close, the public control of railways in foreign lands, the semi-official chambers of commerce, the publicly fostered organizations which control great industries in some countreis, will all exist and will all be used in an effort to recover lost commerce. The growth in the United States of industries which may menace large markets heretofore controlled fro mabroad will not be permitted if public and semi public forces acting together in foreign countries can prevent it. The outreach of American industries, may their very existence in our own land in some cases, will be resisted to the full and every strategem of industrial war will be exerted against them. Expecting this, we must prepare for it. If it shall pass beyond fair competition and exert or seek to exert a monopolistic power over any part of our commerce, we ought to prevent it."

Co-operation of business concerns in foreign trade is suggested to permit admission of the smaller tradesmen into that field of activity.

"The present law plays into the hands of the larger concerns and shuts out small ones from important markets," the Secretary said. "Provision should be made whereby such concerns may, with due safeguards against monopoly, co-operate in the foreign field. To refuse this for fear of monopoly is to say that the large concerns shall alone hold the lucrative foreign markets and that the far larger number of smaller houses shall be shut out. The whole matter should be placed under the supervision of the Federal Trade Commission and should be subject to full publicity. It is not intended that this co-operation shall extend into the domestic field."

Mr Redfield expressed the hope that American banks be permitted to co-operate, under supervision of the Federal Reserve Board, in establishing foreign branches, or in owning stocks of banks operating in foreign countries.

"The present law," he said, "operates to make it possible only for large banks of great power to undertake the important work of financing American commerce in foreign fields. The law works in sole favor of the great banks. There are many banks in the United States of less than major size, yet abundantly strong. These should be permitted, under proper safeguards,

To Drive Out Malaria and Build Up the System.

Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form.

BISHOP KILGO AMONG NOTABLE SPEAKERS

To be Heard in Fayetteville January 19 and 20.

Several Hundred Visitors Expected to Attend Wesley Bible Class Federation Programme of Which is About Complete.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 16.—The programme for the Wesley Bible Class Federation to be held at Fayetteville January 19-20 is nearing completion. It promises to be one of the most striking programmes ever undertaken by the Methodists of the North Carolina Conference. Prominent preachers and laymen from all over the Southern Methodist church have accepted places.

Such workers as Bishop John C. Kilgo, of Charlotte; Rev. Charles D. Bulla, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. J. M. Way, divisional field secretary, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick, a specialist of Corinth, Miss., will have leading parts. Dr. Bulla is the general superintendent of the Wesley Bible class department, having supervision of the more than six thousand Wesley Bible classes.

In the North Carolina Conference there are nearly 400 of these organized Bible classes. They have a membership of not less than 10,000. Every one of the nine districts in the Conference have a large number, but the Warrenton district leads with 64. It is thought that by the time of the January meeting there will be 500 classes organized and enrolled.

There will be between 300 and 400 delegates at Fayetteville, consisting of bishops, presiding elders, pastors, superintendents, teachers and other prominent men and women of the conference. The railroads have already announced reduced rates on the certificate plan.

TO HAVE STUNT NIGHT

High School Club of Y. M. C. A. to Have Enjoyable Meeting Tonight.

The announcement of the big stunt night for the High School club tonight at the Y. M. C. A. and the unique advertising feature with the "safety first" slogan has caused no little interest among the students of the High School and Cape Fear Academy. This is the second of the monthly stunt nights that have been given by the social committees of the Bible classes of the High School club.

There will be four tables ,one for each class, and each table is scheduled for an original stunt during the supper hour. These stunts are expected to contribute muc hto the social spirit of the occasion. Each group will meet for Bible study immediately after supper and every member is urged to come and bring a friend with him.

At a meeting of the advisory council Wednesday afternoon there was anenthusiastic discussion of the work and possibilities of the Student Christian movement in the Preparatory and High schools of Wilmington and definite plans were outlined for a larger and more effective work. Much good of a permanent value has already come to the schools and the boys. The teachers and many of the students feel that the High school club should have the cordial support of everyone.

The advisory council is composed of the teachers, president and secretary of each class as follows: Howard Hanby, president; Alfred Hall, vice president; Frank Montgomery, secretary; Charles Johnson, James MacMillan, James Toomer, John Hazelhurst, William Sanders, and Messrs. Heman Shaw, Malcolm Little, O. B. Hinnant and C. Walton Johnson.

The senior group has the following officers: President, Charles Johnson; vice president, Alfred Hall; secretary, Louis MacMillan; treasurer, Clifford Miller.

The Cape Fear Academy officers are: President, John Hazelhurst; vice president, Alfred Heinsberger; secretary, Norman Scott.

Cahrlottesville, Va., Dec. 16.—The Virginia-Vanderbilt football game next season will be played in Nashville, October 28, the date having been changed with the consent of the Commodores to enable Virginia to play Harvard at Cambridge, November 4.

The biggest fool is the one who thinks he can fool others with impunity without them knowing and resenting it.

To repeat an old saying in a new way is wit.
To repeat a new thing in an old way is a blunder.
A new thing in a ntw way is art.

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to act jointly in such matters. There could hardly be a single step which at this time would be more helpful in establishing our commerce abroad on a firm basis."

The opening of the Panama Canal and the agitation for an inland waterway along the Atlantic coast, as well as the increased volume of domestic commerce, the secretary pointed out, make it important that statistics on internal commerce be prepared by the government.

"It is a surprising thing that we should require by law careful knowledge concerning our export trade and allow our domestic commerce to go on without any definite knowledge concerning it. Congress will be asked for an appropriation sufficient to permit the beginning of an effort to throw light upon a subject of such vast importance, but of which we know so little."

The secretary paid high tribute to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and to its commercial attaches abroad in securing contracts totaling millions of dollars for American business houses. "At present, he says, there are no commercial attaches in Central America, India, the Near East, South Africa or Canada. The placing of ten additional commercial attaches in those regions was recommended.

"It is not too much to say that the work of this service has been at the very center of a growing movement toward the creation of an American dyestuffs industry," the report says. "In this connection signs are not lacking that the growth of our native industry is hardly welcome to those who have heretofore had a substantial monopoly in supplying our markets from abroad."

In conclusion the secretary said it was intolerable that the United States should longer depend upon any one foreign source for necessities in the dyestuffs industry.

REV. J. A. CLARK ARRIVES.

Came in Last Night to Begin Pastoral Work at Winter Park.

Rev. James A. Clark arrived in the city last night on the train from Richmond and went out to Winter Park to assume his duties as pastor of the Baptist church there. He will have pastoral charge of other Baptist churches in the vicinity, as well as of the church at Winter Park, having accepted a call to this field in October. He was met at the station last night by Dr. D. P. High and other members of the churches which he will serve.

Rev. Mr. Clark comes from Louisville, Ky., where he has been pursuing studies in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary while doing ministerial work. He came to Wilmington by way of Richmond, where he spent several days, having been located there several years ago and having taken a course in Richmond College, after having studied in Wake Forest College. Mr. Clark has been doing pastoral work much of the time for the last ten years.

Mrs. Clark, with their child, will join her husband here about the middle of next week. Her brother, Rev. J. B. Turner, of Wake Forest, who is a student in the Theological Seminary at Louisville, will accompany Mrs. Clark on the trip to North Carolina, as he comes home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Clark, like her husband, is a native of North Carolina, having been raised at Wake Forest and graduated from Oxford College, later taking special courses in music in the North. For several years she was in charge of the department of piano at Buie's Creek Academy, a high school that has annually an enrollment of around 500 students gathered from many states.

EDWARD W. ROBBINS WAS NETTED PROFIT OF $691,000.

Inn Alleged Transactions to Get Two Steamers to Pacific Coast.

New York, Dec. 16.—The tangled financial transactions alleged to have been engineered by Edward D. Robbins, former general counsel of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, to get the steamships Harvard and Yale to the Pacific coast, netted him a profit of $691,000, according to the reckoning of the government counsel from testimony adduced today at the trial of Robbins and ten other former directors of the New Haven road, charged with criminal violation of the Sherman law.

In an effort to unravel the skein the government called to the stand Warren D. Chase, of Hartford, Conn., Robbins' chief agent in the transactions, and half a dozen other witnesses who participated in them, young men who handled million dollar checks as officers of some of the so-called Robbins companies, without knowing, they confessed, where the money came from or where it was going. The transactions had their center in Charles W. Morse's defunct Metropolitan Steamship Company, which owned the Harvard and Yale and four freight boats. The scheme included, according to the testimony today, the organization of five companies, all brought into existence in a month's time, and involved also four other companies.

The government hopes to complete its testimony tomorrow and on Monday the defense contemplates making a motion to dismiss the indictment. Argument on the motion probably will take at least one day.

SHIPPING LONG LEAP PINE BOUGHS TO NORTHERN CITIES.

New Industry Around Magnolia—Holly Shipments Lighter Than Usual.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Magnolia, N. C., Dec. 16.—The holly season closed here tonight with the amount shipped only about half as much as it was last year, but the holly was a very good grade and the price high.

A new industry for this section and one that promises to be very profitable is the shipment of long leaf pine boughs to the northern and northwestern cities for decorative purposes during the holidays. There is also a large quantity of deer tongue, more generally known as dog tongue, Jerusalem oak seeds, jasamine roots and lots of flower bulbs such as tube roses, caladiums, cannas, gladiolus, dahlias, and many others are grown and shipped from here. Express messengers running through here say that they receive more fresh pork, beef and chickens and eggs at this place than they receive at all other stations between Wilmington and Norfolk.

Mr. Stanley Wier, an expert bulb man of Chicago, is here assisting Mr. John F. Croom and others with grading and shipping their bulbs.

THOROUGH INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE OF CADET'S DEATH

V. M. I. Authorities Discredit Reports That Thurber Sweet Was Hazed.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 16. — A thorough investigation into the causes of Cadet Thurber Sweet's death was promised today by General E. W. Nichols, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute. The institute authorities do not credit widespread reports that the Chicago millionaire's son died as the result of injuries received from hazing.

All the evidence available will be submitted to the board of visitors at a meeting next Monday, General Nichols said. A statement would be forthcoming after the meeting.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 16. — Roanoke and Lynchburg newspapers, in editorials urge that thorough investigation be made into the charges that Cadet Thurber Sweet, of Chicago, died from injuries received from alleged hazing inflicted by upper-classmen at the Virginia Military Institute, last Fall.

DECISION FAVORS L. & N.

Alabama Supreme Court Decides Against Western Union.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 16.—The Alabama supreme court in a decision today reversed a former ruling and held that the Western Union Telegraph Company cannot condemn a portion of the Louisville & Nashville railroad right-of-way for use in carrying on its telegraph business. The decision means that the Louisville & Nashville may force the Western Union to remove its poles and wires from the railroad right-of-way throughout the state.

Chicago, Dec. 16. — Officials of the Crane Company announced today that the company's annual Christmas gift to its employees will consist this year of 10 per cent. of the annual salaries of each man or woman employed for more than six months. Ten thousand employees throughout the country will share in the company's gift, which will total more than $700,000.

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MAY NAME ATTACHES AFTER THE WAR ENDS

Emperor William May Not Make Appointments Now.

Bernstorff is Understood to Believe New Officers Would be Subjects of Criticism—Situation Easier for Ambassador.

Washington, Dec. 16.—In the light of reliable information received here today it is regarded as doubtful whether the successors to Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papen, withdrawn German naval and military attaches, will be appointed by Emperor William until the end of the war.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, is understood to believe that should successors be appointed they would immediately become the subject of criticism to their detriment and to the impairment perhaps of the general situation. At any event successors will not be named until the withdrawn attaches reach Germany.

Officials of the State Department regard it as a possibility that more diplomatic correspondence over the cases may follow after they have made a report to the admiralty and the war office and to Emperor William.

The opinion prevails in official circles that, now that the attaches have been withdrawn, the German ambassador finds his position improved, as he is represented as feeling that some of the criticisms directed at the attaches actually were intended for him. It is authoritatively stated that he may suggest that successors would be undesirable at this time, if he already has not done so.

The ambassador is represented as being desirous of eliminating from the situation any factor which might lead to further difficulties. Naval and military attaches who were at all active would, the ambassador is said to believe, become subjects for investigation. With no attaches Count von Bernstorff is represented as feeling that his position is much easier.

RAILROAD ABSOLUTELY "SURE"

Norfolk Southern Claims Indisputable Right to Kinston Property.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 15.—Col. W. B. Rodman, head of the Norfolk Southern railroad's legal department, here yesterday, indicated the company's absolute confidence of its right to many thousands of dollars' worth of real estate in the eastern part of the city which has been held by individuals for generations. He denied that his visit had anything to do with the situation which recently arose. Colonel Rodman declared he knew of no "dispute" over the property. The railroad's ownership is proven too indisputably, he thinks.

He assumes that the gentlemen, referring to the individuals who have, some of them, threatened to "fight to the last ditch" the carrier's claim, do not intend to resist the Norfolk Southern's request that they vacate the property. The railroad has allowed them to use the land "until it needs it," he said, and dismissed the subject with an air of finality. The lawyer had not heard of any threatened litigation, he said, and professed ignorance of the fact that they even so much as resent or attempt to refute the railroad's claim of actual ownership.

CLARKTON MAN WANTS PENSION

Wright Edwards Asks Mr. Godwin to Use His Efforts in His Behalf.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Representative Godwin has received from Wright Edwards, of Clarkton, a letter in which he says:

"I was a United States soldier three years. I was conscripted and forced into the Confederate army. My captain was named Robert Tajte, of the Fourteenth regiment of militia. There were 105 of us. Three of us are living. I wish you would look up the matter for me and see if I cannot get on the pension roll as did Mr. Morris. I am 73, nearly 74."

In his letter to Mr. Godwin he quotes a newspaper which states:

"John W. Morris, 80 years old, is one of the two survivors of the famous 'chaingang' of Searcy county, Ark. Seventy-seven Union men were chained together in Marshall, Ark., on December 8, 1861, marched to Little Rock and forced into the Confederate army. So far as is known the other survivor is John S. Treadwell, of Boise, Idaho. Mr. Morris has lived in Searcy county 75 years. He draws a Federal pension."

10,000 SEALS FOR GIRLS

Greensboro, Dec. 16.—The student body of the State Normal College here have taken 10,000 Red Cross Christmas seals to use among themselves during this Christian season. They, too, are interested in the fight against tuberculosis and are availing themselves of this opportunity to help.

Dr. L. B. McBrayer, superintendent of the State Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis, who addressed the student body of the Normal College recently, on the subject of tuberculosis and its prevention, stressed the importance of colleges giving more attention to the study of health and especially that feature that has to do with disease prevention.

NATIONAL BANK FAILS.

Cashier Charged With Wrecking Wartrace, Tenn., Institution.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Comptroller Williams late today announced the failure of the First National Bank of Wartrace, Tenn., having capital of $50,000, surplus of $26,000 and deposits of about $130,000. "The bank," said the Comptroller in a formal statement, "failed as a result of the discovery by the National Bank examiner of forgeries and defalcations for which the cashier of the bank is responsible. It has not yet been ascertained whether the defalcations and losses will exceed the capital and surplus of the bank or what the losses to depositors, if any, may be."

NOMINATES NEW POSTMASTERS.

Names of Several Are Sent to the Senate by the President.

Washington, Dec. 16—President Wilson today sent the names of the following postmasters to the Senate:

A. Wayland Cooke, Greensboro, N. C.; William Laughlin, Anderson, S. C.; Dan B. Traxler, Greenville, S. C.; Isaac H. Adams, Jr., Lynchburg, Va.; John A. Lesner, Norfolk, Va.

LICENSE SECURED FOR PRESIDENT'S MARRIAGE

Quiet Wedding at Fiancee's Home Saturday Night.

Ceremony Will Be Performed by Rev. Herbert S. Smith—Details Kept Secret—Couple Receiving Many Beautiful Gifts.

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Wilson's marriage license was issued today at the local municipal bureau. It disclosed for the first time that the ceremony Saturday night will be performed by a clergyman of Mrs. Galt's faith, the Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal church. The President himself is a Presbyterian, and an elder in his church.

The license was issued to Chief Usher Hoover, of the White House staff, who went to the bureau, made out the necessary forms and paid the regular fee. Afterward, he delivered the document to the President. In the application the President's age was given as 59 years and Mrs. Galt's as 43.

The wedding ceremony will be performed at Mrs. Galt's home Saturday night, probably about 9 o'clock, although the hour has not been announced, in keeping with the desire of the couple to have the affair strictly a private one. It has not been disclosed where the bride and groom will go on their honeymoon journey or when they will leave the capital.

All their plans have been carefully made to avoid publicity. The general impression among friends, however, is that the honeymoon will be spent somewhere in the South. Pass Christian, Miss., where the President has spent some of his vacation time, has been among the likely places mentioned.

It seems to be settled that the wedding journey will not be made on the Presidential yacht Mayflower as was once contemplated. It was decided that such a trip would entail a cold sea voyage of at least two days before the ship would get into pleasant weather South. The officers and crew of the yacht, who had been refused shore leave for Christmas time, now have been given liberty.

Probably no one outside the immediate members of the wedding party knows much about any of the arrangements or the bride's trousseau or the gifts she has received. No formal announcement of the latter is expected, but something about them may be made known informally after the wedding. It is thought that while there has been no organized sending of gifts by Congress, government officials or the diplomatic corps individuals in all of the sets in the capital have sent presents. Many of them are said to be rare and beautiful. The presents have come not only from official and personal friends of the President and Mrs. Galt but also from persons unknown to either of them in this country and abroad. Many have come from children.

The list of guests has not been enlarged and as was at first planned will include only the immediate relatives of the President and Mrs. Galt. So far as is known the invitations have not even gone far enough outside the family circle to include the President's close and intimate friend Col. E. M. House, of New York. It is said also that the President will be unattended by a best man.

BIG GOOD ROADS RALLY.

To be Held in Washington Township, Beaufort County—Bond Issue.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, N. C., Dec. 16.—Elaborate preparations are now being made for a gala day and rally at Old Ford precinct, this county, in the interest of good roads, for which Washington township will vote on a proposed bond issue of $50,000, early in January, for the improvement of all roads in the township. The rally will take place on next Wednesday and there will be a big barbecue with 1,000 pounds of hog meat prepared by skilled cooks, after which will come speeches by a number of prominent citizens and good roads enthusiasts, and much good is expected as a result of the meeting.

The speeches will be made by prominent out-of-town as well as local orators, among whom are Sheriff Tucker, Sheriff McLaughorn and J. G. Taylor, of Pitt county, and Hugh Paul, Judge S. C. Bragaw, H. S. Ward and Edward L. Stewart, of this city, as well as a number of others.

Dr. Chas. O. H. Laughinghouse, a prominent physician of Greenville, was brought to the Washington hospital yesterday suffering with serious throat trouble. The doctor is under the care of Drs. Tayloe and H. W. Carter, a throat specialist, of this city, and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

$50,000 FOR GOOD ROADS

Township in Pitt County Votes Issue in Election This Week.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 16.—Chicod township, the second largest in Pitt county, has voted bonds for roads. The bond issue was carried by 26 majority and the amount will be $50,000. When judiciously expended, this amount will do a lot of road building in this county, where the material for road building is so convenient for use.

FUNERAL OF MR. WRIGHT.

Services from Residence at Rocky Point Yesterday Morning.

The funeral of Mr. F. B. Wright, whose death occurred Tuesday at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, following an operation, was conducted from his late residence at Rocky Point yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Clark, of Burgaw. Interment was in Pike Creek cemetery where there were many beautiful floral designs, showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. W. Miller, G. P. Duncan, J. C. Futch, R. B. Croom, T. P. Pearsall and James Hayes.

Washington, Dec. 16—President Wilson today formally nominated C. C. McChord, of Kentucky, to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission to succeed himself. The Senate at once confirmed the nomination.

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—President Barney Dreyfuss announced tonight that James J. Callahan, former manager of the Chicago White Sox, has been appointed manager of the Pittsburg National League team to succeed Fred Clarke, resigned.

BOY-ED BRANDS PRESS REPORTS FABRICATIONS

Didn't Even Know of Confidential Naval Report.

Says Because of His Official Relation to German Embassy He Has Heretofore Suffered Press Criticisms in Silence.

New York, Dec. 16.—Captain Boy-Ed, the German naval attache, issued an official statement late today, branding as fabrications and inventions reports appearing in newspapers today that he had obtained through secret agents a confidential report prepared by American naval officers which was to be submitted to the President. Not only did he not obtain the report in any way, Captain Boy-Ed states, but he never heard of such a report.

"Because of my official relation to the German embassy," says the statement, "I have heretofore felt constrained to suffer generally, in silence the many newspapers reflections upon me and my activities in this country, as it is contrary to diplomatic etiquette in my country to take note of irresponsible and unofficial statements. Being now no longer a member of the embassy, I feel at liberty to characterize the various stories i this morning's papers as fabrications and inventions from beinning to end, without so much as a vestige of foundation in fact on which to base them.

"If I correctly understand the purport of these articles they represent me as having in effect stole through secret agents from the shadow of the White House a digest or a copy of a confidential report that was being prepared by navy officers for President Wilson or of having in some way known of or come into possession of some such report.

"In point of fact, I never heard of any such report or that any report was being compiled for the President or for the United States government or for anybody else. I know of no American, patriotic or otherwise, young or old such as is referred to in these articles and have never had any American citizen employed in my office. The patriotic young American referred to is as mythical as is the rest of the absurd story."

Captain Boy-Ed's reference to the "patriotic American" refers to a statement in the published reports which he denounces that an American in the captain's employ had indirectly notified President Wilson about the matter.

MRS. N. C. LEWIS DEAD

Telegram Reached Members of Family in This City Last Night.

Many Wilmington friends will hear with sorrow of the death of Mrs. Ada Craig Lewis, wife of Mr. N. C. Lewis, formerly of Wilmington, which occurred yesterday at Lowland, Pamlico county, where Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had resided for the past two years. The telegram gave no particulars of the death, though Mrs. Lewis had been indisposed for some days. The announcement of her death, nevertheless, was a great shock to family and friends here.

Mrs. Lewis was a sister of Mr. W. Freeman Craig and Mrs. J. F. Smith, of this city, and was reared in Wilmington. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church and was much beloved by all who knew her. She was 29 years of age and is survived by her husband and the brother and sister named. These have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

News of the death came too late last night to reach the husband by telegraph or telephone and until he is heard from what arrangements will be made as to the funeral will not be known.

—Suit was started yesterday in the Recorder's court by David Henry Morse against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. Woodus Kellum, Esq., represents the plaintiff. No complaint was filed.

Some wives never say yes or no, they answer, if, because, maybe, I don't know, we will set. Too much of this would irritate a saint, much less a mortal man.

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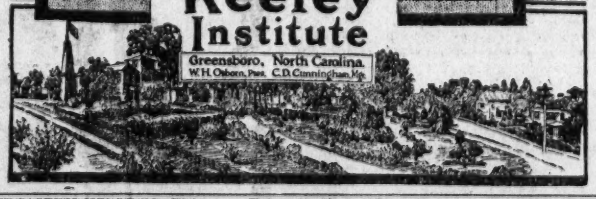

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TOP O' THE MORNING

For one thing, we can see that sin cannot prosper. We need only to wait a little while to see failure and ruin as the final outcome of whatever is evil. Sin is always terrible failure and always brings irreparable ruin."

—R. A. L.

We are in favor of being a Pan-American anyhow.

The late Barnum and the present Ford were both "practical men."

The spirit of the times must not be mistaken for the ghost of imperialism.

Let us go forward together and not let a few go forward without our assistance.

Our diplomacy is not diplomatic but it is fully understood without any parleying as to what is meant in those American notes.

Austria, it seems, is going to reply to the American note instead of answering it, as expected.

Scientists have convinced us that the dodo is no longer in existence, but most everybody is willing to admit that there are vampires.

There is no telling what will turn up next. Something is liable to turn up any day and make us wish we were better prepared than we are.

We are often asked to unite in some "common cause," but when we decide to do it we reserve the right to quit just as soon as some fellow makes the cause so blamed common that it gets people to laughing.

By determining to hold their National convention a week ahead of the Democratic convention, the Republicans might have been inspired with the idea that "the early bird catches the worm." However, the early bird is liable to catch the worm in the neck.

We don't regard it as at all necessary to present a single argument in behalf of national preparedness. The prevailing humor in this country ought to convince anybody that the country needs preparedness in proportion to its disposition to share in the ill humor of other nations.

Any nation which cannot be moved by our remonstrances ought to be ashamed of itself. When we have words with the nations they should note that when we have to make demands they are high toned. That, however, is one thing that Teddy can not stand for.

A South Carolinian by the name of Bill Snooks has been sent to the penitentiary for three years. Probably the jury didn't go to the trouble of "sifting" the evidence, when all it had to do was to recognize the fact that the defendant's name was conclusive evidence against him.

The party who broke into the express office at Lumberton and got 19 quarts of liquor and other things on the side, knew where to look for the Santa Claus that he was after. The probability is that the liquor will give somebody away by furnishing the prima facie evidence in the case.

We don't care to jump on any nation that is prepared and we believe no nation would care to jump on us if we are prepared. In the event, however, that some unfriendly power might decide that we need a licking, we want to be so prepared that if anybody has to take a drubbing it won't be us.

One of the best signs of the necessity for preparedness is the disposition of our government to insist on protesting against foreign outrages involving the loss of innocent American lives, the seizure of American shipping and every known sort of interference with American rights on the sea. It must be a very indifferent and callous American who has not felt some sense of outrage, shame and humiliation because of incidents resulting from the war in Europe.

REVIVAL OF RIVER NAVIGATION.

Navigation of the great Mississippi waterway is to be revived February 15, under a new transport system. The type of Mississippi steamboat of the old days practically was put out of business by the railroads. The steamers were slow and economic conditions became such that what was probably the greatest interior water highway of the world became of little service to the once tremendous water-borne commerce of the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio valleys.

The date for the inauguration of the new navigation system on the Mississippi will mark a new era in the coming year. Fast running propeller driven steel barges will be the new type of boats to be used. A fleet of 38 barges will begin service between New Orleans and St. Louis and intermediate points. The initial boat, now nearing completion at Jefferson, Indiana, will have four propellers, which will be driven by gas motors of a powerful type. The vessels have wireless outfits and will be equipped with every practical time, money and labor-saving device. The vessels will carry their own loading and unloading devices to be operated in connection with those on shore at points where the barges will touch. These devices will be operated with electricity and the dynamos will also furnish electricity for lighting the river craft.

The Inland Navigation Company, a large transportation corporation, will operate the line, and will put the barges into service just as fast as they can be completed. It is expected that the new self-propelled barge service will soon be in operation between New Orleans, St. Louis, Cincinnati, St. Paul and Kansas City, and certainly the operation of the type of inland waterway craft to be used will be watched with interest by the waterways men of our Atlantic coast, where steel barges no doubt would greatly facilitate the economies of inland transportation.

Noting this new river transportation development on the Mississippi river, the New York Journal of Commerce emphasizes the fact that the co-ordinative river-rail-ocean terminal facilities now in operation at New Orleans, and co-ordinative river-rail terminal facilities soon to be built at St. Louis, together with the new type of self-propelled barge, will make revival of commercial use of the Mississippi river, between New Orleans and St. Louis, under really economic conditions, possible.

An important collateral feature is the fact that New Orleans is so developing her terminal facilities on the river front as to make possible the issuance of a public warehouse receipt, with the responsibility of the State of Louisiana behind it, together with a commodity exchange certificate showing grade, condition and weight or quantity. This, it is believed, will make New Orleans commodity collateral A1 and an abundant supply of such collateral will draw to New Orleans surplus supply money from various parts of the country, and eventually place it in position to finance the foreign commerce of the Mississippi valley on a basis of about 3 per cent.

There are only certain classes of commerce, it is expected, to move by water, and the boats are not likely to hurt the railroads. On the contrary, it is expected that the boats, by relieving the railroads of certain classes of freight which the railroads are carrying at a loss and which the boats will carry at a profit, will prove a valuable addition to the transportation facilities of the valley, particularly in the development of Latin-American trade.

During the past year the New Orleans Association of Commerce has been conducting a valley-wide campaign to get a square deal for the railroads so that the roads might develop normally and keep up with the increasing transportation needs of the valley.

It is believed that the new self-propelled barge service between New Orleans and St. Louis will do the work, because seven barges built along similar lines—all the design of John H. Bernhard, a Dutch navigation engineer, are now in successful operation between the Warrior river coal fields of Alabama and New Orleans. These barges are now moving coal to New Orleans at a transportation charge of 50 cents a ton, as against a railroad charge of $1.25 a ton, and the transportation company appears to be entirely satisfied with its profits. One of these coal barges made a demonstration voyage from New Orleans to St. Paul and return about a year ago.

For the accommodation of the new boats, as well as for the railroads, New Orleans is now building a great grain elevator adjoining her new river front cotton warehouse. The idea is to give the boats the same terminal economy as the railroads enjoy, and by loading cotton and grain into a ship simultaneously, to so reduce the time of the ship in port as to save her enough money to pay all port and loading charges.

OUR BIG AIR FIGHTER.

We have some aeroplanes and hydro-aeroplanes for the army and the navy, but we are short on machines for fighting in the air. However, we have gone to work to remedy that defect of our preparedness to safeguard the nation. At the Portsmouth (N. H.) navy yard on Wednesday, work was begun on our first big air fighting machine, referred to as being in the Zeppelin class, for the reason doubtless that the Zeps seem to have set the pace for big airships for use in war.

The government yard is constructing a monster motor driven balloon that is designed to carry armament and weapons for offensive and defensive warfare. Naval experts are in charge of the work and it is presumed that they are not keeping the operations a secret, since some of the particulars about the big airship have been given to the press. Our first Zep is to be 175 feet long and is to have a diameter of 50 feet. It will carry powerful motor engines and dynamos for lighting purposes and for furnishing electricity for searchlights. The ship will be equipped with a lot of brand new ideas in aerial navigation. Included in its equipment will be anti-aircraft guns and a battery of rapid-fire guns that can be depended upon to make it dangerous for hostile aircraft to remain in range of them.

The naval experts are satisfied that Uncle Sam's big air fighter will prove to be the best of all such craft. It will be able to make long voyages and the experts are prepared to believe that crossing the Atlantic can be undertaken by airships of its class. It will carry a crew of 20 men and will bear many tons of equipment and provisions. In some sense this big airship is experimental, although it is the larger development of successful tests heretofore made with smaller dirigibles of similar construction. The models proved satisfactory and so the work was undertaken on the real thing. In its construction, rigging and equipment, the American experts will endeavor to correct all the defects and failures of German, French and British aircraft.

The first American Zep will be ready for a trial trip some time next spring or early in the summer. It ought to be named the Josephus Daniels, but we havent heard of any name for it yet. The naval constructors believe it will meet the requirements in signal work and reliability for general service during all kinds of weather, and should it come up to expectations others will be constructed with a view to providing the navy with a dirigible air service. This dirigible is designed solely for national defense, and upon the results of the test will depend whether we shall have a whole fleet for coast defense.

It is stated that the big gas bag of our Zep is to be inflated in the historic Franklin ship house where wooden ships were built for the Government during the Civil War. One of the ships built there was the old cruiser Kearsarge, which, it is said, was built in 90 days and sent out on the Atlantic after Admiral Semmes and the Confederate commerce destroyer Alabama. Since the passing of wooden warships, the historic building has been used but little. Here of late, however, the Navy Department has been constructing in it the first submarine to be built by the Government. Private builders of submarines hope the Government built article will prove to be a Jonah in its class.

ONWARD COMES THE WEEVIL

The Savannah Morning News of last Sunday contained a chart showing the rapid spread eastward made by the Mexican cotton boll weevil since its appearance in Georgia during the past season. In extreme South Georgia the pest vanguard is about half way between the Alabama line and the Atlantic ocean. Doubtless in another season it will reach the Atlantic, if its advance guard is not already there, since a few days ago it was announced in another connection that the weevil has been discovered in Sea Island cotton on the Georgia coast.

The Savannah paper states that the weevil has advanced to practically the middle of Southern Georgia and that its wide front extends thence in a northwesterly direction upward and diagonally across Georgia until it touches the Alabama line almost due west from Atlanta. "All this in one season!" remarks The News, with the additional reminder that "nobody can say how far it will advance next year." The strong winds of our Atlantic coast country may bring the weevil much more rapidly than it has advances at points farther away from the coast. In fact, the vanguard of the pest is farther east along the coast when its upper battle line extends eastward across the piedmont country. For instance, the weevil line extends diagonally from Northern Alabama to the central part of Southern Georgia. The News is prepared to believe that in a few more years at least two-thirds of the whole of the cotton territory of Georgia will be infested.

There is no way to stop its invasion, but Georgia farmers have anticipated it and have gone into the livestock business. In Southwest Georgia they have diversified their agriculture and are better satisfied with the results than when they thought their main dependence was cotton.

MOTOR RURAL MAIL ROUTES.

Postmaster General Burleson seems to be hearing from the rural mail routes in some portions of the South concerning his proposition to establish motor car service through the country districts where there are good roads. Three motor routes were allowed in Georgia, but it is said that the natives have held indignation meetings and have petitioned the Postoffice Department not to displace the horse and buggy with chug wagons for delivering the farmers' mails.

We cannot quite understand who has stirred up such queer opposition on the rural routes. It certainly cannot help the route carriers, for sooner or later the farmers will learn that all they are interested in it is to the extent of getting their mail and parcel post packages with the utmost dispatch. For sending or receiving parcel post packages the automobile carriers would be the thing, so if Georgia is going to turn down such facilities, North Carolina ought to put in a bid for every motor route that the Georgians spurn.

It is all nonsense for anybody to think that opposition is going to stop modern progress of any kind.

It is stated that "differences have sprung up in the Ford party," but that might have been expected. Mr. Ford wasn't acquainted with all the people he invited to go on his voyage, so he might have known that some hot tamale was as liable as not to take a fancy to the idea of going to Europe at his expense. Anyhow, unanimity is the one thing that always takes us by surprise. Differences never have taken us by surprise, and they really don't amount to much very long at a time. We have helped to live down a whole lot of differences at various times and they are really harmless so long as they never have killed very many people.

Evidently, the Republicans decided to hold their National convention a week ahead of the Democratic National convention so they can steal a march on the Democrats with several platform planks which they know the Democrat have seen first. The Democrats have mapped out several things that will look like stolen property when the Republicans incorporate them in their platform. The Republicans will depend mostly on their bgelief in what Barnum said to the effect that the American people love to be humbugged.

Buy Red Cross seals so your letters and packages going by mail will have a distinctive Christmas appearance when they reach those for whom they are intended.

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS

To the Editor of The Star:

The maitnenance of our public roads is not only a serious question in North Carolina but other states are confronted with the same problem and are trying to solve it. In West Virginia, lumber wagons have been doing a great deal of damage to the public roads and the county engineers are now putting in force an act recently passed at the extraordinary session of the last legislature, which is as follows:

"Sec. 8, Chapter 8, of the Acts of the legislature of this State, enacted in the second extraordinary session of 1915: Where it is required that persons, firms, etc., making continuous use of any piece of the county road, or driving thereon any wagon, etc., and by such use are causing more than the usual wear, such persons, etc., may be compelled to put thereon a section man or men and keep or assist in keeping said road in such repair as the court may order.

"Any person disobeying or refusing such orders shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof fined not to exceed $50, or imprisonment, or both."

This action of the West Virginia legislature is a move in the right direction, but I am still of the opinion that the "wheel tax" method of furnishing a maintenance fund and of controlling the damage that vehicles do to roads, is by far the more practical and effective one.

We tax all the people of the counties for the construction of roads but it is the users of the road that should pay the greater part of the cost of the maintenance and for no other purposes.

Vehicles will pay a "wheel tax" according to the amount of damage that said vehicle can do to the road. Thus a wagon capable of carrying 4,000 pounds and with wheels having tires two inches to two and one-half inches in width would pay a much greater tax than the same capacity wagon whose wheels have tires six inches wide. Then again, if the front wheel of such a wagon did not have the same tread as the rear wheels, the tax would be still lower. The heavier the load the wagon will hold, the higher, proportionately, will be the "wheel tax," and the wider the tire, the "wheel tax" will be proportionately lower. With automobiles the horsepower and weight of the machine will determine the wheel tax.

An equitable scale of the "wheel tax" can be devised which will not work a hardship on any one and the revenue derived from it will maintain the roads.

JOSEPH HYDE PRATT,
Secretary State Highway Commission.

CURRENT COMMENT.

One of our Palmetto State exchanges remarks that S. C. stands for Santa Claus as well as South Carolina. Yes, and N. C. stands for North Carolina and also Nearly Christmas. Therefore get busy with that Christmas shopping.—Raleigh News and Observer.

This appears to be a knock-out, the New Bern Sun-Journal saying: "The usual admonitions against writing it 'Xmas' are going the rounds. Might as well try to stop the Wilmington Star from spelling it 'Newbern'." Yes, and we fear that after awhile those "Newbern" writers will insist on the "Newbernsunjournal."—Raleigh News and Observer.

"Anyhow, the Europeans all know the kind of peace they want. They want the kind that will last. This shows that they don't want another war like this. We don't blame them."—Wilmington Star. And yet our militarist friends insist that as soon as they finish this war they will jump on the United States just to keep in practice.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

The discovery of boll weevils in sea island cotton in Lowndes county shows that the farmers must not waste any time if they are to check the rapid and devastating advance of the pest and protect the sea island cotton of Georgia. Carelessness in not selecting an early maturing variety for planting, heedlessness in disregard for quarantine regulations and apathy toward the advice of experts on the part of any cotton growers of the state now will mean a big monetary loss.—Savannah News.

"Mr. Kitchin asks why Britain does not land an army on the German coast and march upon Berlin. He should know that her sufficient reason is exactly what ours would be—she has not the men."—Florida Times-Union. The real reason is that the German coast is so well defended as to render a landing practically impossible, no matter how many the men that might be available for the purpose. That is the condition in which our coasts should be put with the greatest possible promptness.—Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

Francis Marion Cockrell represented Missouri in the United States Senate for thirty years, his service being equal in length to that of his great predecessor, Thomas H. Benton. Mr. Cockrell was not a Benton, but he was always honest, able and useful. A Confederate soldier, he was displaced in 1905 by Mr. Warner, a Republican, who had served in the Union army. The esteem in which Mr. Cockrell was held by men of both parties was shown by appointments conferred upon him by Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, the last of which he held at the time of his death, at the age of 81.—New York World.

STATE MUST PROVE LIQUOR IS FOR UNLAWFUL PURPOSE

Judge George Connor Says Quantity for Personal Use Unlimited.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 16.—Judge Geo. Connor in Superior court here picked the threads apart in the fabric of the North Carolina prohibition laws and put them all back one by one, in the case of State vs. William Sumrell, charged with retailing, in which judgment has not been passed. The texture of the legal weaving was found by Judge Connor to contain some weak strands. Sumrell was arrested here some months ago upon his return from Virginia, having in his possession more than the quart of whiskey which is the limit, according to popular construcion of the law, for a person to own. He was tried in recorder's court, sentenced to six months on the roads, and in spite of an appeal which it was determined in Superior court this week that he had regularly applied for, put to work. There was some mixup which caused him to be sent out instead of held for trial in the higher court. Monday night Sumrell, who had been brought in when the court decided that he was entitled to trial before Judge Connor, walked out of the court room with the colored witnesses and spectators, unperceived. Tuesday he returned, declaring that he had strode innocently out laboring under the impression that he was at liberty to go and return for trial. Judge Connor, as is well known, has long held liberal views of the anti-liquor laws. He has at former terms, for instance, cautioned officers that they have no right to go to extreme measures in searching individuals' baggage and the like. In the Sumrell case he charged the jury that he so construed the statutes as to hold that a person may have in his possession any quantity of whiskey for his own personal use. The State must prove that the defendant has more than the law allows and that it is for an unlawful purpose, that of selling, said the court. The jury found Sumrell guilty. Sentence has not been passed.

When a young woman marries a man with less education than herself, she always remembers that. She forgets that he, in contact with the world, is constantly advancing, while she, at home, does not keep up with his advance. It takes a woman of a superior mind to accommodate her mental attitude to this state of facts. If the man has the best intellect and she dwells in the past, trouble is sure o ensue. He realizes his present superiority, she only remembtrs herself, as she was.

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BIG DELEGATION TO GO TO BURGAW TODAY

Trip Will Be Made Regardless of Weather Conditions

Pender County's Capital Will Give Rousing Welcome to Visitors—Addresses by Prominent Speakers a Feature.

The weather is not going to stop the Wilmington delegation from going to Burgaw today to attend the big good roads meeting in the interest of the Wilmington-Fayetteville highway. However, Observer Felger promises nothing more serious than occasional showers and it is not expected that there will be rain enough to cause any inconvenience.

Dr. George K. Patterson, chairman of the Rotary committee on arrangements for the trip, requests all persons wishing to go to Burgaw today to be at the City Hall this morning at 9 o'clock. The invitation is not for the men alone; the women are expected to go also. Many women in the city are deeply interested in the proposition and they have been invited to go and many have accepted.

Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., who has been busy the past week getting machines for the trip, wants all persons having cars for the trip, to report promptly at the City Hall at 9 o'clock, so that all arrangements can be completed for leaving at 9:30 o'clock.

The following automobile owners in the city have signified their intention of going on the trip to Burgaw today: Geo. B. Elliott, A. B. Skelding, M. F. H. Gouverneur, C. Van Leuven, Hugh MacRae, Lassiter-McDuffie Co., Cannon Motor Co., J. W. Blake, R. A. Parsley, J. S. Williams, T. D. Love, K. D. LeGwin, J. E. Thompson, M. J. Corbett, C. E. Taylor, J. Allan Taylor, E. L. Mathews, J. M. Hall, Capt. Ridley, U. S. A.; R. F. Warren, U. A. Underwood, E. H. Munson, H. E. Longley, T. B. Carroll, J. H. Niggel, Jr., J. J. Loughlin, Alex. Sprunt, T. R. Ames, Norwood Orrell, Clayton Giles, Jr., L. Bluethenthal, W. A. McGirt, Z. K. Bell, C. L. Whitehead, E. L. Hinton, Robert Montgomery, J. D. Bellamy, R. H. Brady, W. P. McGlaughan, W. R. Dosher, J. O. Brock, S. P. Cowan, A. H. Kelly, J. A. Orrell, R. F. Beasley, F. W. Wells, Platt W. Davis, Cuthbert Martin, H. F. Wilder, G. B. Applewhite, D. L. Gore, T. H. Wright, J. D. Edwards, E. A. Metts, H. G. Walsh, C. F. Howell, Will Rehder, P. B. Bell, W. D. MacMillan, Jr., H. J. MacMillan, E. P. Dudley, trouble car.

The machines will form at the City Hall for a parade which will pass up Third street to Market, thence to Fifth, up Fifth to Nun, thence to Front, south on Front to Red Cross, thence to Fourth and then proceed on the journey to Burgaw.

Chairman W. A. McGirt, of the New Hanover Board of Commissioners, who has been working zealously in the interest of the proposition for several weeks stated last night that he had been assured there would be one of the largest gatherings at Burgaw in the history of that place.

State Senator Rivers D. Johnson, of Warsaw, was in the city yesterday and stated that there is much interest in his section in the meeting to be held today. He will accompany the Wilmington delegation to Burgaw today.

Among those who are expected to make addresses at the meeting are Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, secretary of North Carolina Good Roads Association; Mr. W. S. Fallis, State highway engineer; Judge W. P. Stacy, of Wilmington; State Senator Rivers D. Johnson, of Warsaw; Major George E. Butler, of Clinton; C. E. McCullen and J. J. Best, Esqs., of Burgaw.

Yesterday's Pender Chronicle, of Burgaw, has the following with reference to the meeting today:

"Burgaw and Pender County are indeed fortunate in that the Wilmington Rotary Club have selected this as their first meeting place in the interest of the Wilmington-Fayetteville highway, and we are certainly appreciative of their deep interest in the building of better highways throughout this section.

"They will come here, these Rotarians, about 200 strong on Friday, and will be met here by delegations of citizens from Goldsboro, Clinton, Fayetteville, Warsaw, Wallace, and other places on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. Probably between 300 and 400 men, deeply intent on the building of the Wilmington-Fayetteville highway, will be here; and they are a bunch of jolly chaps and live wires. We're glad to have them, certainly, and will certainly give them the best we have in store.

"Every man in Pender county, and every woman and child, too, who is interested in the building of better roads, and particularly in the laying out of a splendid sand-clay or macadam highway from Wilmington, through Pender, Duplin and Sampson counties up to Fayetteville, should be on hand, and show the interest you feel. It will be a great day for Burgaw, a great day for Pender county, and we are confident that this gathering will give a greater impetus to the construction of better roads in Pender han anything which has happened in the last ten years. Come and meet these gentlemen who are trying to see this great highway launched. It is to our interest to give them every assistance. The only way we can do things this day and time is to co-operate; and the object of this great good roads meeting is to secure the co-operation of Pender, Sampson, Duplin and New Hanover counties—four of the very best counties in the whole State—in the building of a splendid highway stretching from Wilmington to Fayetteville.

GO TO BURGAW TODAY

A cordial invitation is extended by the committee on arrangements to all those desiring to go to Burgaw to meet at the City Hall this morning at 9 o'clock. More than 60 machines have been provided for the trip and there will be plenty of room for all. It is hoped that the business men of the city will make it a point to take the day off and lend their influence to the success of the movement. The invitation is extended to all those desiring to go, regardless of whether or not they have machines. Help Wilmington by joining in this movement for better roads. Go to Burgaw today.

STATEMENT BY DR. NESBITT

Presents His Side of County Home Controversy—Chairman McGirt Reaffirms His Declarations.

Following the publication of a statement by Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer, in which he discusses in detail his criticisms of the County Home because of an alleged lack of system and discipline and failure to care properly for the patients and expresses regret that no effort of the Health Department made to improve conditions can escape being tossed into the gutter of political strife, Chairman W. A. McGirt, of both the Board of Health and County Commissioners, stated last night that he did "not care to enter into an unseemly and undignified controversy with a subordinate, but that he reaffirmed the statement made yesterday to the effect that the criticisms of the County Home were misleading, unwarranted and at variance with the facts."

Dr. Nesbitt's statement before being given out for publication was read to Chairman McGirt by the former in the office of the Board of Health yesterday morning. There were rather warm words passed between them and later in the day between Mr. McGirt and Dr. Thames, assistant county health officer.

Chairman McGirt stated last night that the facts would be fully presented at a special meeting of the Board of Health on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The statement to the public issued by Dr. Nesbitt is as follows:

"To the Public:

"In this instance I make this statement with extreme regret. I do not regret having reported matters at the county home to the Board of Health and I do not regret having made any part of the statement contained therein. The items of this complaint are based upon actual conditions and I respectfully decline to withdraw any part of it.

"The cause of my regret in this instance is that no effort made by the department of health to improve conditions and to make beneficial changes in public institutions can escape being thrown into the streets to be chewed and worried by the canis politicus.

"In every effort within the past two or three years the Health Department has first tried to adjust each situation in peace and dignity. Each time the effort has been snatched up and tossed into the gutter of political strife. In each case the results have been achieved, but at what cost. The public has been forced to consider and discuss matters which should be settled and adjusted in official privacy by the responsible officials who are employed and elected for such work. The administration of the health department has been kept in a seething state of unrest. Energies that should be devoted to the welfare of the community have dissipated in senseless controversy. Time that should be spent in constructive work and study must be devoted to defense against assault. The city and county achieve the reputation throughout the State and the South of washing no dirty linen in private and the only good that comes is that which is secured in the reforms instituted at the end of these disgraceful proceedings. God speed the day when all the public officials in New Hanover county and the city of Wilmington can forget their petty political aspirations long enough to attend to the public business conscientiously.

"With weariness and disgust I turn to the question in hand.

"Six months ago the subject of the conditions at the county home were presented privately to the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners without result.

"On Tuesday morning an appeal was made to Dr. Thames, the assistant county health officer, who, under the regulations of the Board of Health, is charged with the physical welfare of the inmates of the county institutions and the sanitation of these places. Mr. Rasberry, the superintendent at the county home, stated that he could not conduct the county home as it should be conducted with the help provided. The same complaint has been made by Mr. Rasberry and Mrs. Rasberry, the matron of the county home, many times before. It is my opinion that this complaint is fully justified for aside from Mr. Rasberry, who has the responsibility of the farm, an assistant who acts as foreman and Mrs. Rasberry, who is matron and housekeeper, the only help provided is that procurable from among the prisoners. There are from 35 to 40 inmates in the county home all the time. About one-third of these are deserving white citizens of the county, who, through poverty and misfortune are compelled to take advantage of the public charity. Two-thirds of these white unfortunates are women. All are old and to some extent invalided. Under the present regime they are compelled to submit to the ministrations of prostitutes and petty thieves aside from such attention Mrs. Rasberry can give them in such time as she can take from the heavy work of the housekeeping and cooking that must be done for this large number of inmates. The care, preparation, and handling of food that cannot be actually done by Mrs. Rasberry is in the hands of these prisoners who are more often than not the victims of venereal disease. The time of Mr. and Mrs. Rasberry and the foreman is so completely occupied that proper discipline and system is impossible.

"The inmates of the county home have not and cannot receive proper attention and supervision under the existing circumstances. On last Saturday, the 11th day of December, the prisoners were removed from the county home to the county stockade and I understood and devoutly hoped that the unfortunates in the county home were at last free from the degrading associations and miserable services to which they had been so long subjected. One of the objects for the construction of the county prison was to achieve this result and during the incumbency of Mr. Willard, the former chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, he bent all of his splendid energies to providing this means to this end.

"I prepared the report on the conditions at the county home and presented it to the Board of Health in pursuance of my official duty. I withheld a copy of this report from the newspapers and informed the Board of Health that I had done so, suggesting that the board carefully consider the expediency of making this report public. It is my habit and shall continue to be so long as I occupy my present position to make every important matter the subject of record. My report to the Board of Health must contain my official recommendation. It is the only avenue through which I can officially approach my board. In the discussion of this report a controversy arose between Chairman McGirt and Mayor Moore as to the advisability of its publication, on the head of the criticisms

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IT WAS DEAF AGAINST DEAF

Recorder Could Understand Neither Accused Nor Accuser—Interpreter Comes to His Rescue.

The language of those who neither talk nor hear had to be used in the Recorder's court yesterday when Nat King, a colored deaf mute, was called for trial on a charge of stealing a diamond ring from Mr. R. E. L. Cooke, who is also a deaf mute. As they were the principal witnesses and the court was unacquainted with hand language and County Solicitor Peschau had only a partial understanding of this form of speaking, the wheels of justice were tied up until an interpreter could be secured.

It was a round about method of examining witnesses and despite the seriousness of the charge against the defendant, the scene provided much amusement for the spectators and Recorder Empie had to rap for order. After much questioning, consuming nearly two hours in all, a confession was finally secured from the defendant and he was sentenced to serve 60 days on the county roads. The negro was accused of a similar offense on a former occasion, it is stated.

Jesse Ward, John Highsmith and Elliott Smith, colored boys, were found guilty of beating their way on a freight train from Goldsboro to Wilmington. They were found to be under 18 years of age and incorrigible. They were paroled to Mr. F. M. Rivenbark, superintendent of the stockade, for six months, the sentences being for probation and subject to modification or revisal at the discretion of the court. These boys had laid claim to the argument that they had been forced into the car, but the evidence in the case was against them.

Lillie Smith, colored, was tried on two charges of retailing whiskey, and one for violating the quart law. She was acquitted of the two former charges, but fined $50 and costs for the latter. The latter case was that of bringing whiskey from Florence, S. C. The whiskey was confiscated and the bottles broken and emptied into the sewer.

Oliver Cooper, colored, was sentenced to 60 days on the roads for carrying a concealed pistol. Henry Williams, colored, paid $5 and costs for hitting his colored partner with a bottle. Archie Hall, colored, paid the costs for turning a vehicle on Front street in the prohibited section. C. C. Wright, colored, will get a hearing today on a charge of retailing liquor.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT

Two Interesting Games Scheduled for Boys' Brigade Tonight.

With only two more games scheduled in the first series of the present basketball season at the Boys' Brigade, the winner of the first series has now narrowed down to two teams the Reds and the Dodgers. The Braves and Seminoles have been playing in fine style for the past few weeks. With the teams' present line-up some of the greatest exhibitions ever put up at the Brigade are looked for in the second series, the winner of which will have to play the winner of the first series, in a post-series for the championship.

Tonight's games will be unusually interesting. The first meet will be between the Reds and Dodgers. The Dodgers hold first place over the Reds by a margin of two games. Should the Reds win the game tonight, these teams will be tied for first position. On the other hand, should the Dodgers win, they will have the first series without further question, as only one game is left. In the second game Snakenburg's Braves will meet Sholar's Seminoles and with such men as Register, Sholar, Snakenburg, Dixon, Ellis, and Branch working, a pretty contest is looked for. The first game will begin at 8:30 and as the weather has turned off warmer, there will doubtless be a large crowd of spectators.

MRS. JULIA SMITH DEAD

Aged Widow Passed as a Result of Heart Trouble.

The death of Mrs. Julia Smith, wife of the late Isaac B. Smith, of this city, which occurred some time Wednesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Manning, No. 225 South Front street, as a result of heart trouble brought grief to many friends here yesterday. She had been in failing health for some time, but retired Wednesday night as well as usual. It was not until yesterday morning that it was known she had died during the night. She was about 75 years old.

Left to mourn her death are one daughter, Mrs. E. W. Manning, of this city, and one son, Mr. Isaac B. Smith, of Athens, Ga., both of whom have the tender sympathy of a host of friends here and elsewhere.

Funeral services will be held from the residence, this morning at 8:30 o'clock, by Rev. E. deF. Heald, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church. The body will then be taken on the steamer Wilmington to Southport, where interment will take place this afternoon.

CONDUCTORS GIVE BANQUET

Cape Fear Division Plan Big Affair —Captain Pemberton in Charge.

Capt. W. H. Pemberton is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the banquet to be given at the Masonic Temple next Wednesday night by Cape Fear Division, No. 271, Order of Railway Conductors of America, which was organized December 20, 1890. It is expected to be a most enjoyable affair.

Invitations for the affair have been sent out, reading as follows:

You are cordially invited to attend a Supper
to be given at the Masonic Hall
Wednesday evening, December the
Twenty-second
Nineteen hundred fifteen
at eight-thirty o'clock
Kindly reply on enclosed card.

MR. HOOPER VICE PRESIDENT

Southern Hotel Association Honors Prominent Wilmington Man.

Although Mr. Charles E. Hooper, manager of The Orton hotel, was unable to attend the meeting of the Southern Hotel Association at Winston-Salem this week, news was received in the city yesterday that he was re-elected vice president of the association. Mr. Hooper was the first president of the association and has served in the same capacity a second time. He has been vice president for several years.

Mr. A. H. Galloway, manager of the Zinzindorf hotel, Winston-Salem, was elected president. Other vice presidents beside Mr. Hooper are Sam Atkinson, Richmond; H. T. Mims, Lursy; E. K. Conver, Marion, Va.; W. C. Petty, Charlotte; E. I. Bugg, Durham. The next meeting of the association will be held in Norfolk, Va.

SECOND SEASIDE ASSEMBLY

Baptists of State Decide to Make It Permanent Event—At Wrightsville Beach in July.

June 26 to July 2, 1916, will be the date of the second annual Seaside Assembly of the Baptists of North Caroline at Wrightsville Beach. So successful was the first assembly, held last summer, that the Baptist State Convention, in its recent annual session at Charlotte, decided not only to make it a permanent annual event for the Baptists of the State, but authorized the State mission board of the Convention to appropriate $250 to help in defraying the expenses of the assembly next summer.

Concerning the Baptist Seaside Assembly, the Biblical Recorder, organ of the Baptist State Convention, in its report of the Charlotte meeting, has the following:

"The Summer Assembly at Wrightsville Beach last summer was so successful that it is to be continued. The date for the next Assembly is June 26 to July 2. A contingent appropriation of $250 from the State mission board was authorized for the expenses of the Assembly. The committee in charge consists of John A. Oates, Carey J. Hunter, L. R. Varser, J. A. Sullivan, W. G. Hall, H. B. Parker, Jr., Livingston Johnson, and the Assembly officers, ex-officio—J. J. Hurt, president; E. L. Middleton, general secretary, and W. M. Craig, treasurer."

WEATHER CONTINUES WARM.

Probably Rain for Wilmington and Vicinity Today.

Warmer weather probably accompanied by rain is predicted for Wilmington and vicinity today by the local weather bureau. The temperature yesterday was considerably higher than for several days past. The daily summary of conditions over the country follows:

"The disturbance central yesterday morning over Colorado has moved into the Southwest and unsettled conditions have spread further to the eastward. Rain has fallen in the southern sections, and rain and snow in the interior.

"Temperatures are higher from the Gulf coast northward across the central valleys, and are generally lower in the Northwest.

"The conditions indicate occasional rain and warmer weather tonight and Friday with moderate to fresh east and southeast winds."

MACHINE BROKE DOWN.

Mr. J. B. Huntington Returned Yesterday from Trip to Chapel Hill.

Mr. J. B. Huntington, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., returned yesterday afternoon from Chapel Hill, where he went last week to witness the game between Raleigh and Wilmington High School football teams. Mr. Huntington made the trip in his automobile. His belated arrival was caused by the breaking of one of the fixtures, which had to be ordered from Wilmington as it could not be purchased in Durham. He wired for it to be sent by express, but the package was delivered to another man and he had to order the fixture for a second time. However, he finally got the fixture and made the trip without further mishap.

The last leg of his journey was from Goldsboro to Wilmington, and Mr. Huntington states that the roads from Burgaw to Wilmington are in excellent shape.

PRESENTATION EXERCISES.

Handsome Drinking Fountain for Animals to be Given by Children.

The formal presentation to the city of the handsome drinking fountain for animals which has been placed at 14th and Market streets will take place today at noon. The exercises will take place at the fountain, if the weather permits. If it is raining the presentation will be made in the auditorium of the Isaac Bear Memorial school building.

It is probable that the presentation will be made by Superintendent John J. Blair, of the city schools, and Mayor Moore will accept the gift on behalf of the city. Representatives from the different schools of the city will be present.

The fountain was given the schools by Miss Annie M. Dore, of Arlington, Mass. Her name with other inscriptions has been placed on the plate that has been attached to the fountain.

DIED AT WALLACE.

Mr. J. H. Bostick Passed Away at Home There Wednesday Night.

Many friends here and elsewhere will learn with regret of the death of Mr. J. H. Bostick, which occurred at his home in Wallace Wednesday night, after an attack of paralysis. Mr. Bostick was nearing 70 years of age and was known and beloved over a wide area of eastern North Carolina.

He is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. James Pigford, of Willard; Mrs. Alice Rogers, of Raleigh; Mrs. C. Jones, of Wallace; Mrs. Edward Schulken, of Wilmington; Mr. D. R. Bostick, of Elizabethtown, and Mr. G. Bostick, of Wallace, all of whom have the tender sympathy of a host of friends.

Funeral services will be held from the residence today at Wallace.

PRAISE FROM STATE BOARD.

New Hanover Health Work Attracts Attention of Dr. Cooper.

Dr. C. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, received a letter of unreserved praise yesterday from Dr. G. M. Cooper, chief of the bureau of rural sanitation of the State Board of Health, at Raleigh, on the improvement in health conditions here and the work of the local health board, as compared with the success they had achieved four years ago.

Dr. Cooper has recently visited in Wilmington and studied conditions closely. The letter was written in response to receipt of a copy of the November number of the "Communal Health," issued by the New Hanover health department.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record at the Court House yesterday: Anton A. Hergenrother to Robert H Morris and wife, for $10 and other considerations, lot 45 at Winter Park; R. H. Morris and wife to Anton Hergenrother, for $10 and other considerations, lot on southwest corner of Brown and Taylor streets, 40 by 60 feet in size; Charles Wontz and wife to James A. Cox, for $1,000 and other considerations, tract of land in Cape Fear township containing 15 acres; C. C. Chadbourn and wife to R. W. Mason, for $100 and other considerations, lot on west side of Sixth street, 210 feet north of Maple Avenue, 70 by 210 feet in size.

OLD 1915

is rapidly drawing to a close. Have you done your duty to yourself and family by saving a little this year? If not, there is yet time for you to get started, and we would suggest that you call at the "People's" and open an account—NOW.

Start with $1.00 or any amount you might care to begin with—the small depositor as well as the large one always finds a welcome at the "People's."

OLD AND STRONG.

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

Corner Front and Princess Streets.

A Gold Coin

makes a very acceptable Christmas present. We have the new gold coins in all denominations. Put one of these coins in the neat little holder which we are giving out, and you have an ideal gift for any one. Later, the coin will be deposited and you have started some one on the road to Saving.

We also have a supply of new silver and new pennies.

You are always welcome at

The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company

110 PRINCESS STREET.

Cheese---Cheese

150 Boxes Cheese.
150 Bbls. Medium Mullets.
100 Bushels Seed Rye.
3,000 Bbls. Flour.
1,000 Cases Tomatoes.
800 Cases Salmon.
20,000 Bushels Peanuts.
500 Bushels Field Peas.

Ask us for prices on anything in our line before you buy elsewhere.

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Wholesale Grocers
Wilmington, N. C.

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N. W. Cor. 3rd and Princess.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
'Phone 1494-W. P. O. Box 594.

Read Star Business Locals.

500 YARDS 36-Inch Taffetas

To Be Placed on Sale Today At 98c Per Yard

Taffetas are the most wanted silks on the market today, and so popular are they that you are extremely lucky to get them at any price. However, we were fortunate enough to get this lot, and we are also pleased to state that the patterns are just the ones you would select.

Wide Stripes of Soft Dark Shades, beautifully blended. Wide Stripes, interlaced with small pencil stripes. Medium Size Stripes, widely spaced on solid grounds. Shepard Checks and all the plain shades.

The entire lot goes on sale today—First floor at 98c. per yard. Don't let anything keep you from seeing these Silks.

ANOTHER SHIPMENT LADIES' KID GLOVES, —$1.25 PAIR—

Belk Brothers
BIG DEPARTMENT STORES

NEW NECK RUFFS —AT— 75c, 98c, $1.48, $2.50.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Smith, of Bolton, were in the city yesterday.

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Mrs. W. B. Hobbs, of Council, was in the city yesterday, a guest at The Orton.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dempsey, of Boardman, were in the city yesterday, guests at The Orton.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hyman, of Newbern, were in the city yesterday, guests at Hotel Wilmington.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Benton, of Bolton, were among the Christmas shoppers in the city yesterday.

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The gymnasium classes at the Y. W. C. A. will be continued until Wednesday afternoon when a vacation for the holidays will begin.

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There were 540 Red Cross seals sold yesterday at the postoffice booth. Mrs. Boyden Sparkes and Mrs. S. Solomon are chaperones today.

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Mrs. Jessie Wishart and son, Master Empie, left yesterday for Lumberton, after spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. Robert Belch.

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The Luther League of St. Paul's Lutheran church will have a social tonight at 8 o'clock in the Memorial building, corner Sixth and Princess streets.

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Mrs. L. J. Carter, formerly of this city, but now of Kelly, N. C., is visiting for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Northrop, No. 1517 Market street.

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Miss Maggie Fennell, who has been visiting with her sisters, Misses Jane and Annie Fennell, at No. 715 Princess street, the past week, returned to her home at Kerr, N. C., yesterday morning.

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Mrs. John Pryse has been taken to her home on Chestnut street, after having undergone treatment at the James Walker Memorial Hospital. Her friends will be glad to hear of her recovery.

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Mrs. E. F. Carpenter, Mrs. S. H. Smith, Mrs. Myer, Mrs. J. K. Stewart and two children, Mrs. Worth Bean and two children, of Bolton, were in the city yesterday doing Christmas shopping, guests at The Orton.

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Mrs. S. P. Brown, of Chadbourn, who has been undergoing treatment at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, was able Wednesday to return home, much to the delight of her friends.

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Raleigh Evening Times: "Rev. M. T. Plyler, for one year presiding elder of the Raleigh district, adn Mrs. Plyler are preparing to move to Wilmington. Mr. Plyler having been appointed to Grace church, Wilmington. They have made many friends in the city who regret to see them leave."

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Mrs. A. V. Lafitteau and her mother, Mrs. Dan Quinlivan, left last evening for Washington, D. C., where they will be joined by Miss Annie Quinlivan, who has been in Rochester, N. Y., several months attending school. Miss Quinlivan will return with them to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Dan Quinlivan, No. 215 North Second street.

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The subject for study by Dr. McClure's class at the Y. W. C. A. this morning at 11:30 o'clock will be the book of Jeremiah. This will be the last meeting of the class for the present year and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance. The High School Bible class will meet tonight at 6 o'clock at the association building for supper and Bible study.

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GROOM IS INSTRUCTOR IN A. & M. COLLEGE, RALEIGH

The Raleigh News and Observer in yesterday's issue made the following comment on the announcement of the wedding of Miss Annie Neal Clark, of Clarkton, to Mr. H. L. Joslyn, of Raleigh:

"Miss Clark has many friends throughout this State who are very much interested in her approaching marriage. She is a graduate in piano and voice from Queen's College at Charlotte. Later she studied voice, in New York.

"Mr. Joslyn is an instructor at A. & M. College, at this place and is very popular among both boys and faculty."

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ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. ANDREW'S THIS EVENING.

This evening at 8 o'clock in the Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church an entertainment will be given for the benefit of the Presbyterian Orphanage at Barium Springs. At this time the school will make its usual Christmas offering. The members of the congregation are invited to attend and bring a donation of oranges.

The following programme has been arranged for the evening:

Song—By the school.
Prayer—Dr. McClure.
Song—Euphians.
Opening Remarks—Mr. D. L. Latta.
Sketch of work at Barium Springs—Miss Katherine MacRae.
Recitation—Dot Griffin.
Chorus—St. Andrew's C. E. Choir.
Reading—Miss Rachel Pearsall.
Solo—Mrs. Geo. Boylan.
Reading—"The Three Stars," by five young girls.
Selection by the Mandolin Club.
Solo—Miss Duncan.
Song—By chorus of girls.

Boy Hurt by Automobile.

William Davis, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Davis, of No. 1701 Market street, was struck by an automobile yesterday afternoon, while on the way home from the Bear Memorial school. Mr. John Montgomery was driving the machine, on his way out to Winter Park. The boy had nearly reached home and started across the street in front of the machine. Mr. Montgomery called to him, whereupon the boy stopped, and the machine was going too fast to stop in time to save him. Mr. Montgomery carried him home and called Dr. Wessell. The boy was resting well last night and will soon be out.

Becomes Treasurer of Victoria.

Mr. Paul Comes, a well known theatrical and bill posting manager, has become treasurer of the Victoria theatre, and gives part of his time to that work, alhough he still retains his position as manager of the bill posting business here.

An Attractive Winter Costume

This especially comfortable costume is made of terra cotta chamois cloth, with clever arrangement of squirrel fur on the bottom, cuffs and collar of the coat.

Y. M. C. A. BASKEBALL LEAGUE

First Game of Season Will be Played in Gymnasium Tonight—Public is Invited.

Tonight in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium the third annual Commercial Basketball League will open with two games. There are four business houses represented by teams this year. City Laundry with Milton Justice captain, will have green shirts with white stripes and letters, white trousers and stockings to match shirts. N. Jacobi Hardware Company, with K. N. Davis captain, will have navy blue shirts with white stripes and letters, white trousers and stockings to match shirts. Elvington & Mintz, with William Walker, Jr., captain, will have yellow shirts with black stripes and letters, white trousers and stockings to match shirts. National Woolen Mills, with L. K. LeGwin as captain, will have maroon shirts with white stripes and letters, white trousers and stockings to match shirts.

The first game will start at 8:40 P. M., and will alternate halves with the second game. The first game will be between the City Laundry and Jacobi Hardware Company, the second between Elvington & Mintz and National Woolen Mills. There is to be no admission charged to witness the games, and the public is cordially invited to attend the games each Friday evening throughout the season.

Owing to the fact that next Friday falls on the 24th, and it being Christmas Eve, there are no games scheduled. The regular basketball schedule will be resumed Friday, the 31st, and continue each Friday until the first week in April.

The schedule is divided up into two series of seven games each. At the end of each series the winner will be declared, and at the end of the season the winners of the two series will play off a championship series of three games for a handsome loving cup.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. P. Cox, of Loris, S. C., is visiting friends in the city.

—Mr. P. S. Cooper, of Dunn, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. George W. Belch, of Canton, Ohio, is visting relatives in the city.

—Senator Rivers D. Johnson, of Warsaw, was in the city yesterday, a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. W. H. Tourison, who is with the Barrett Manufacturing Co., and is now engaged in building a stretch of improved road in Craven county, arrived in the city last night and will go with the Wilmington delegation to Burgaw today.

—The following North Carolinians were in the city yesterday, registered at Hotel Wilmington: Thomas Barber, Winston-Salem; N. G. Duncan, Fayetteville; A. Trust, East Arcadia; Jackson Greer, Whiteville; Milton McIntosh, Esq., Charlotte; J. W. Pharr, G. A. Myers, and E. A. Heritage, Charlotte.

—Mr. Arthur McEntee, a former Wilmington boy, is in the city on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James G. McEntee, No. 702 South Third street. Mr. McEntee is now in the service of the navy, being on the United States torpedoboat destroyer Parker, which boat is now in the Brooklyn navy yard for repairs.

—The following North Carolinians were registered at The Orton yesterday: C. E. McCullen and J. T. Bland, Jr., Burgaw; Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro; Col. W. B. Fort, Pikeville; J. F. Woodward, Warsaw; Victor Motz, Fayetteville; J. E. Finney, Raleigh; G. T. Morgan, Council; K. C. Denny, Rooks; W. L. Robbins, Phoenix; W. M. Gallant, Raleigh; F. T. Abbott, Newbern; E. N. Snow, Greensboro; P. V. Cooper, Dunn; John Rowe, Raleigh; E. C. Sweeney, Charlotte.

HANSON MEETS UNKNOWN WRESTLER AT WOOLVIN HALL

Talk May Cause Swede to Leave City After Match Tonight.

Taking him up at his challenge, the fans in the city have secured a wrestler at about Hanson's weight, who will meet him at Woolvin hall tonight at 8:30 o'clock, Hanson not to know who the wrestler is until they enter the ring. Hanson made the statement when he came here that he would meet all comers of his weight and is now showing his willingness to live up to it.

This may be Hanson's last match in the city on account of some recent talk in which the plucky Swede's sincerity and stability of character had been questioned, according to statements made by his friends. Hanson has the recognized record at other cities of having a reputation of not being thrown at his weight in nine years. The discredit has come about because Hanson has made such a brilliant string of victories, it is stated, but his record shows the same from other places. He has evidently always been doing about as he has done here. It will be put up to the fans to keep him here tonight, or lose him, it is said.

The unknown wrestler is being sent down from New York city by Leo Pardello, who was asked to send such a man here. Mr. Pardello said that the man is a wrestler with a prowess and as all can see has his nerve with him.

Pardello's man will come masked and in case he is thrown by Hanson, the Swede will have the privilege of removing the mask from his face and showing him to the crowd, but in case the unknown man throws Hanson he will leave the mat with the mask and no one will know him. He is said to be a wrestler of note. Hanson said last night that he expected to know who was wrestling him before they get off the mat.

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CHANGE COMMANDERS AT FORT

Capt. Cooke, a North Carolinian, Gets Artillery and Capt. Howard Gets Mine Company.

Capt. Francis N. Cooke, formerly of Louisburg, N. C., but more recently from a United States Post at Manila, P. I., has arrived at Fort Caswell to succeed Capt. G. W. Paece, in command of the 31st artillery company, who has been transferred to Fortress Monroe, near Norfolk, and Capt. C. E. N. Howard, of the Coast Artillery branch, succeeds Capt. E. L. Gilmer, in command of the 19th mine company, who is also transferred to another post. It is understood, however that Post Commander Lieutenant Colonel Bennett will retain command of the fort.

Many friends will be sorry to lose from the fort Captains Paece and Gilmer, who will go to other places in a few days. These changes are made by the War Department every four years, and are usually welcomed by the officers, as the posts are as a rule in isolated places.

Captain Cooke and Mrs. Cooke arrived here yesterday and went down to the fort after having dinner at The Orton. He is a son of Judge Charles M. Cooke, of Louisburg, who is well known in this city and over North Carolina. Captain Cooke is delighted to get back in North Carolina, as he feels very much at home. He has just finished two and a half years of service on staff duty at Fort Mills, Corrigador, at the mouth of Manila Bay.

He is a graduate of West Point of the class of 1899, and previously graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has a number of friends, here in the city, who were his old classmates at the University.

MRS. NANCY FULCHER DEAD

Mother of Mrs. E. H. Hardison Passed Away in This City Last Night.

Mrs. Nancy Fulcher, mother of Mrs. E. H. Hardison, died last night at 10:45 o'clock at the home of her daughter, No. 302 North Second street. Mrs. Fulcher's home was at Florence, N. C., but she came to Wilmington several months ago to visit her daughter, Mrs. Hardison. She had been in failing health for some time and for the past month was confined to her bed. She was 57 years old.

Besides Mrs. Hardison, she is survived by the following children: Mrs. G. W. Kessler and Mr. J. T. Fulcher, of Newport News, Va., and Mr. J. S. Fulcher, of Wilmington She has several brothers and sisters living in Pamlico county. The bereaved family will have the sympathy of many friends.

She was a devout Christian woman and a member of the Methodist church. She was greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends.

The funeral services will be conducted from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hardison, No. 302 North Second street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains will be taken on the 3:25 Newbern train to her home at Florence in Pamlico county for interment.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

Large Number Will Be Held Here Within a Few Weeks.

Civil Service examinations will be held the following dates for the following subjects:

Expert and special agent, male or female, January 19-20; assistant metallurgist, male, salary $1,800 to $3,000, January 25; aid, coast and Geodetic survey, male, January 12-13; marine engine and boiler draftsman, male, January 5-6; junior engineer, male, January 19-20; skilled draftsman, male, January 4; plant pathologist in citrus fruit disease, male, $2,520 to $3,000, January 11; teacher of agriculture, male, January 19; junior pharmacologist, male, January 19; chart engraver, male, January 18.

—The short circuiting of some wires in the electric automobile of Mr. Raymond Hunt, while it was standing on Front street near Chestnut last night about 7 o'clock, threatened for a few minutes to burn the machine and was responsible for calling out the fire department. The damage was small.

NOT MR. EMMET LITTLETON.

Well Known Bill Poster of Wilmington Still in City and Well.

Mr. Emmett Littleton, the well known Wilmington bill poster, who lives at No. 9 North 17th street, wishes his friends to know that he is not the man mentioned in yesterday's Star in connection with conflicting reports about an accident at Bennettsville, S. C. Mr. Littleton states that he has not been out of the city recently and that he is very much alive and also in his usual good health. In the language of Mark Twain he considers that the report was greatly exaggerated.

STATEMENT BY DR. NESBITT

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of both county and city departments contained therein. Each insisted that he had no objection to publishing a criticism of his department. The remaining members of the board assented and by vote of the board the report was given to the newspapers.

"After hearing the very full discussion of the situation, Dr. Bolles moved that a competent nurse be recommended for service at the county home. He and all the members of the board realized that there could be no intelligent and effective care of the inmates under existing conditions, and that old and helpless people, many of them bedridden at least part of the time, cannot receive even decent attention much less intelligent nursing when sick at the hands of negro vagrants and criminals. The resolution offered by Dr. Bolles, seconded by Mayor Moore, was unanimously adopted by the board.

"Mr. and Mrs. Rasberry were brought to my office yesterday by Chairman McGirt. They made sweeping denials and openly objected to the employment of a nurse for the county home, saying that there was no necessity for such service inasmuch as arrangements had been made by which they could retain the services of the prisoners. Under questioning from Dr. Bolles they later admitted the facts upon which my statement to the Board of Health was based.

"In closing I desire again to apologize to the long suffering and patient citizens of Wilmington who have been compelled so often to share the burdens of the officials they employ. As a public official I have no choice in the matter whatever. I am holding a public office under the laws of the State and the Board of Health which places upon me very specific duties and responsibilities. I shall continue to discharge these duties and carry these responsibilities so long as I occupy this office in any way that will bring about results. If, in threading the maze of difficulties and in wading through the bog of peanut politics, I have made mistakes I can only ask that the public consider the fact that I am a fallible human being. I do not consider the present action that has been forced upon me my mistake in any sense of the word. "Very respectfully,

"CHAS. T. NESBITT,
"County Health Officer."

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Cape Fear Country Club—(Contractors, Pickett & Williams), "Mura-like" for interior, and "Tenacity" paint, exterior, being used.

Front Street Market—(Contractors, Pickett & Williams), "Mura-like" paint used.

Wilmington Knitting Mills' new factory—(E. E. Burriss, contractor), "Holland" ready mixed paint, exterior, and "Holland" mill white, interior.

Bear Building, on Princess street, to be occupied by Tidewater Power Company—(J. E. Hatch, contractor), "Mura-like" being used.

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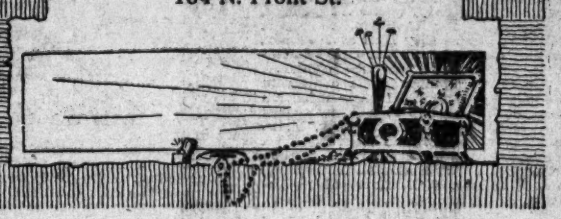

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Raleigh Police is Asked to Locate One R. M. Robertson.

A. W. Hicks Pardoned Two Days Before Term Expired—Charters Issued—National Highway Through Person Co.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Lizzie King appealed today to the Raleigh police for help in locating R. M. Robertson and recovering from him $204 that she claims he obtained through gaining her confidence and love, having disappeared with the money while they were buying wedding outfits with her money. He ran a hotel at Cary and Mrs. King was attracted there as bookkeeper through an advertisement. Thus associated, she claims Robertson courted her and then induced her to change her savings deposits so he was enabled to get away with the money. He is said to have been heard from in Danville and Baltimore.

A. W. Hicks, defaulting cashier of the Salisbury branch bank of the Wachovia Loan & Trust Company, of Winston-Salem, who has served all but two days of a two years' sentence in the penitentiary, received a pardon from Governor Craig today. In issuing the pardon the Governor explained that he acted solely on the urgent recommendation of Judge Long, of the Superior court, who tried the case and imposed the sentence. Hicks was a native of Winston-Salem and was at one time the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. there. He has been a most exemplary prisoner and the prison officers all joined in special pleas for executive clemency.

Hicks was out on bond right up to the time he began his sentence and visited and inspected the prison the day before he began service, the prison officials who showed him through not knowing that he was about to become one of their prisoners until the inspection was over and he was bidding them goodbye, when he explained the situation.

Union Station Company.

A charter was issued today for the Winston-Salem Union Station Company, capital $125,000 authorized and $30,000 subscribed for erecting and maintaining a commodious union station and leasing it to railroad companies or individuals for Union station purposes, including passenger, mail and express service, telephone and telegraph offices and operation of bus and automobile lines. The incorporators are L. E. Johnson, N. D. Maher, W. G. Macdowell, A. C. Needles, L. H. Cocke, and F. T. Brinkley, the latter to be actively in charge. The office is 238 Main street.

Another charter is for the Roanoke Avenue Development Company of Roanoke Rapids, capital $100,000 authorized and $1,000 subscribed by C. A. Wyche, J. T. Chase and others for developing real estate.

There is also a charter for the Power City Development Company, of Albemarle, capital $50,000 authorized and $1,500 subscribed for a general investment business by J. F. Peck, F. P. Jackson and others.

Special Committee Named.

President R. H. Wright of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, announces the appointment of the special committee to enlarge upon the rural school demonstration feature for the next session of the assembly as follows L. C. Brogden, Raleigh; E. E. Balcomb, Greensboro; Miss Lula Cassaday, Hillsboro; Elizabeth Kelly, Smithfield; Miss Mary Shotwell, Oxford; E. J. Coletrane, Jamestown; Kenneth McIntyre, Rocky Mount; Miss Elizabeth Pryor, Cary; Miss Ruth Gray of Durham.

Col. Benehan Cameron, of the State Highway Commission, is enthusiastic over the success of a $75,000 bond issue election just carried at Roxboro, Person county, for road building that will include building through to Durham on the south and to the Virginia line on the north, so that there will remain the building of a standard road across the Virginia counties of Halifax and Campbell in order to assure a standard highway right through from Toronto, Can., to Miami, Fla.

The completion of this highway will mean that both Durham and Raleigh will be intersection points for great North and South and East and West highways which Colonel Cameron says will make of both points veritable hubs for interstate and national as well as State automobile travel.

Killed by Automobile.

Judge W. C. Harris finds no probable cause on which to hold for the Superior court William G. Adams, the prominent young man from Four Oaks on the charge of manslaughter in that he ran down with his automobile and fatally injured a small negro boy.

ELON BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Includes Two Games With Each North Carolina College.

Elon College, N. C., Dec. 16.—Manager Fleming has announced the varsity basketball schedule for 1916. It includes two games with each of the North Carolina colleges and a strenuous trip into Virginia. When questioned as to championship possibilities this season. Mr. Fleming said the quint was not bent on such honors, but if they came their way all would be glad. Only two regulars of last year's North Carolina championship quint are in the squad this year and two of last year's substittues. Coach Johnson has been giving the men severe practice of late, but the defeat administered by the Durham Y. M. C. A. in the recent practice game has caused him to add grilling processes to severity.

The schedule is as follows:

January 10, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
January 12, Statesville Association at Elon.
January 15, Greensboro Y. M. C. A. at Elon.
January 18, pending.
January 20, Trinity at Durham.
January 22, A. & M. at Raleigh.
January 29, Wake Forest at Wake Forest.
February 3, Cardinal Athletic Club at Lynchburg, Va.
February 4 and 5, V. P. I. at Blacksburg, Va.
February 8, V. M. I. at Lexington, Va.
February 12, Guilford at Elon.
February 18, Trinity at Elon.
February 19, University of North Carolina at Elon.
February 21, Elon at Guilford.
sbruary 24, A. & M., at Elon.
bruary 29, Wake Forest at Elon.

THEATRICAL

Hobart Bosworth, the greatest dramatic star now regularly on the screen, a man who has made a reputation that is known wherever motion pictures are known, presents at the Bijou today a great Universal Broadway feature, "Fatherland," one of the most thrilling yet of these great feature productions.

"Fatherhood," is a virile, red-blooded Western drama, with a domestic appeal that elevates it out of the class of merely thrilling productions and makes you realize that in viewing it you are arguing and having argued for your benefit, a great, big, live problem play.

"Fatherhood" was staged in settings of wonderful beauty, with splendid backgrounds which rival the splendor of the golden sunsets of the Sierra Nevada mountains, where the play was filmed. It is in every word a story of outdoors, of the lofty mountain peaks and the valleys between, in which stirring scenes is staged one of those pulsating, enthralling, vivid dramas which you just can't get away from. It stars, besides Mr. Bosworth, a notable cast of stars, including Helen Woolcott in the leading feminine role.

"Everywoman" Tomorrow.

Henry W. Savage's production of the dramatic spectacle, "Everywoman," comes to the Academy of Music matinee and night, tomorrow. It is a play with a purpose, with a deep underlying basis of philosophy and while to a certain extent didactic the pictorial element, the costumes, lights and other adjuncts of the modern stage have combined to add to its effectiveness. The play is presented upon a huge

FRANCIS SIMPSON,

Who Plays Modesty in "Everywoman," at the Academy Tomorrow, Matinee and Night.

scale and is one of Henry W. Savage's most luxurious productions. It is said that he considers it his most notable contribution to the American stage. The play came to him as a discarded and discredited rejected manuscript. He read it; recognized its beauties; produced it; and expended $60,000 in a production which might have had a life of but one performance. Over four million people have witnessed "Everywoman" and it is still one of the most potent box office attractions in this country. A special orchestra accompanies the organization to render the impressive score which was written by George Whitefield Chadwick. The cast contains a score of well known names.

The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to $1.50. The night prices will range from 50 cents to $2. Tickets for both performances are now on sale at Plummer's.

Nat C. Goodwin.

"Never Say Die" and Mr. Nat C. Goodwin are announced at the Academy of Music for one night only, on next Wednesday, December 22.

Mr. Goodwin needs no flourishing introduction to theatre-goers of this city, his name has been synonymous with comedy on the American stage for years, though it is his first appearance in some time in this locality. And in "Never Say Die" he has one of the happiest parts of his long career as America's leading comedian.

"Never Say Die" is labeled a farcical comedy, in three acts, by Wm. H. Post, and as a play it makes a capacious and appropriate vehicle for the wealth of humor, beauty, dexterity, fun and inspiriting amusement. It contains all the ingredients necessary for the making of a successful comedy, which, in the hands of so competent an artist as Mr. Goodwin, cannot fail of its purpose, to amuse.

With a kind of droll wizardry that does not conceal his entire mastery of the act he so completely possesses, Mr. Goodwin handles the rose of Dionysious Woodbury, and the ensuing network of complications he is thrust into and his efforts to extricate himself and others, is done in a way that calls for unstinted praise.

The special scenery, practically the final word in stage investiture and equipment, denote the physical excellence of the production.

Miss Margaret Moreland occupies the premier position of leading lady, and much is expected of this new star in theatrical firmament; Nan Bernard, Maude Henderson, Alexandres J. Herbert, Isador Marvil, Dennis Cleough, Luke Vrohman and others go to compose an adequate cast.

The prices range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets will go on sale Monday morning at Plummer's.

Treat at Grand Today.

Grand patrons are due a treat today, something entirely out of the ordinary in photoplays, a real governor, Governor Hunt, of Arizona, starring in a great three-reel drama, "A Western Governor's Humanity."

Governor Hunt proves himself some actor, too, and carries off all honors, in the big cast of Lubin stars. "A Western Governor's Humanity" reveals a stirring story of the West, of horse thieves, their round-up and punishment, of rascality and treachery, of a tender hearted governor who has a big problem to settle and does it in a humane way. It is a story full of thrills, and in the superb cast is seen Elsie Burns, Vinnie Burns, Roscoe Kearnes and Jack Lawton.

"The Parson's Button Matcher," is one of the rip-roaringest comedy features in a decade. You don't want to miss this. And remember—tomorrow, Charlie Chaplin in "The New Janitor."

"Cabiria" Today and Tomorrow.

Indications point to capacity crowds for both performances of "Cabiria" today at the Victoria. While there will be many good seats left for those who do not reserve in advance, this is usually the case, and doubtless when the first scene is flashed every seat will be occupied.

Wilmington has become greatly interested in the presentation of "Cabiria." Those who have read of things theatrical, and those who have seen this mammoth sensation in the large cities of the North, have been its best boosters, and invariably have brought many orders to the box office. One lady in particular who has seen it bought a solid row of eight seats.

"Cabiria" has called for more talk than any theatrical attraction in the Universal. More people have seen it than any one legitimate stage attrac-

EMILIO VARDANNES,

One of the Italian Stars in "Cabiria."

tion in the history of the world. More has been written in the newspapers about it than has been written about any legitimate stage show.

More talent is embodied in its cast of more than 1,000 that has ever appeared in any 25 legitimate shows ever produced on any stage. Italy contributed her most eminent dramatic artists to the making of "Cabiria". The leading lady, who plays the role of "Cabiria" has never been able to leave Italian soil, such is the demand and clamor for her in her own country, despite the fact that every country on the civilized globe has called for her.

"Cabiria" in short, as one reviewer said, "More than the yast word—it passes human comprehension."

"Carmen" Next Monday.

Twenty-four thousand, two hundred and eleven people crowded the Strand theatre, New York City in one day to see the Lasky production of "Carmen", in which the world's greatest opera prima donna is starred, a record to be sure.

The presentation of "Carmen" is more than just an exceptional production. It is more than just a good photoplay. It is a realization of an ideal towards which a set of big film men worked for eight solid years. "Carmen" has created more universal praise from the newspapers than any feature produced in America during the year. The Chicago Tribune, "The world's greatest newspaper," says:

"One cannot do justice to 'Carmen.' It is a picture of finesse, encompassing the sincere efforts of a great player—even to the point of very rough treatment accorded the expensive person of a prima donna. It is no Sunday school play, this picture of the classic heart bandit. There is a plentiful showing of emotions as they are, not as they are refined by civilization and the 'what would people say' idea."

"Carmen" comes to the Victoria as an extraordinary offering for one day only, next Monday.

"Graustark" Tomorrow.

"Graustark", Essanay's six-act feature, based on George Barr McCutcheon's famous novel, which will be presented at the Royal tomorrow, has made a tremendous success. So popular has been the photoplay from its first showing that hundreds of theatres in the big cities are running it night after night with greater and greater crowds filling their houses with each succeeding performance.

Francis X. Bushman reached the very height of his great ability as a great dramatic artist, in his performance in the leading role of "Graustark" The Moving Picture World says: "There is not a single jarring note in the acting to disturb the harmony and pleasure created by intelligent and artistic acting by Francis X. Bushman in his very best form, and Miss Beverly Bayne, who has never before been seen to such a fine advantage."

"Graustark" is the story of love behind a throne, in which a man offers to lay down his life for the woman he loves. It is strong, tense and spectacular all the way through and there is not an instant in which the interest can lag.

Vivian Martin at Royal Today.

Perhaps no other motion picture star is so well fitted to the leading role in the World Film Corporation's production of "The Little Mademoiselle" as Vivian Martin, who is starred in the protodrama which will be

VIVIAN MARTIN,

The Dainty Star in "Little Mademoiselle," Royal Today.

shown at the Royal theotre today. Miss Martin plays the role of Lili Breval and all through the story finds repeated opportunity for the expression of that art which has given her the place in film-stardom which she occupies today.

The character of Lili Breval is one that through its own charm and the charm of the actress who portrays it, will hold the audience from the start to the finish of the story. Early in the story Lili finds herself in quite a predicament for she is a French miss, just arrived in the United States, and with no knowledge of English, is suddenly set down in a little New England village where she can find no one who speaks her own language.

A young American discovers here, and his efforts to help Lili to her relatives are exceedingly humorous for the young man, as he finally has to own up, is "dead broke." By driving an automobile in a local race he raises carfare to get Lili to Boston where she meets her relatives and where her uncle gives the young man a position. Thereupon Lili decides that the first American she met was good enough for her and she proceeds to make him hers for good and all.

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. Southerland Dead—$2,500 Fire Loss—Young People Married.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mt. Olive, N. C., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Martha Southerland, age 71 years, died early Wednesday morning at her home, three miles northeast of here, her death being due to the infirmities of old age, coupled with an extended period of poor health. Two children, John and Willie, and a number of other near relatives, survive. Interment took place this afternoon in the John W. Martin burying ground, near her home.

Davis Wiggins, a prominent farmer living a few miles from here, sustained a severe loss by fire Tuesday night, at which time his barn, stables, two wagons, four buggies, practically all of his farming utensils, and more than 100 barrels of corn were burned. The loss is said to be at least $2,500, with no insurance. It is thought that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Roy Grimes and Miss Olivia Sutton, both of whom reside a few miles west of here, were quietly united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sutton. Rev. F. B. McCall, the bride's pastor, officiated.

A Scene Fro mthe Film Masterpiece "Graustark," at the Royal Tomorrow.

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Skating Toggery Chief Interest Now.

It is safe to say that three-fourths of the Christmas money, this year, will be spent during the next week or so in skating togs. Everybody is daft over skating—out-of-door skating where the weather is kind enough to freeze over the ponds, and indoor skating on artificial ice when Jack Frost is not so benign.

As might have been expected, in this era when femininity is "clothes-mad"—according to the austere phrase of a well-meaning reformer—the opportunity to wear something quite new and wholly fascinating in the way of costume was seized upon delightedly. And as might have been expected, also, skating toggery developed itself into some very sensational and bizarre styles; for the out-of-door costume is capable of carrying a great amount of color and of picturesqueness. Pantalets are one of the bizarre features referred to, and an appended photograph of the latest skating costume shows pantalets of shirred brown satin, above high heeled boots of bronze kid and below a short skirt of mixed brown and white tweed.

Now it is impossible to accuse gathered satin pantalets, coming decorously to the top of the boot, and hiding absolutely the shape of the anatomy which might otherwise be revealed by flying petticoats, immodest. Perish the thought! Yet decorous and obviously modest and prim as they are, these gathered satin pantalets arouse an instant sensation of shocked modesty in every conservative feminine soul—and make every masculine eye turn over its shoulder to have a second look. So much for the pantalets. As for the rest of the skating costume, it is admirable in every respect. A silk sweater in shades of brown matches the brown and white wool skirt. A brown and white silk knitted muffler is twisted around the throat and the skating cap is a saucy affair of brown faille silk with a toboggan crown of cream white satin, dragged over toward one side by a brown and white silk tassel. The pretty bronze boots with their high heels and thin soles will be donned after the skating exercise for the informal supper and dance arranged to wind up the evening. More practical skating boots with skates clamped to the soles will be donned for the ice.

Velvet For Indoor Skating.

Skating costumes to be worn inside the rink are naturally more formal and elegant than the rough-and-ready sport clothes appropriate for out-of-doors. Paris has made velvet fashionable for the skating rink; broadcloth comes next in favor, and always there is fur as a trimming. The skating skirt is very short, but the new skating boots lace high—almost to the knee; and if one chooses, there are the pantalets, very much in fashion! The ordinary coat, reaching to the knee or below, would be too cumbersome for skating, which is an active exercise, so the skating jacket is short and rather saucy of cut, with fur at neck and wrists, and sometimes all the way around the edge. Very picturesque are broadcloth skating suits in military style, with frogs across the front of the jacket and high-brimmed turbans in Cossack style. Out-of-doors, at Tuxedo, one sees a few elaborate skating costumes of velvet and fur but most of the fair skaters are sensibly dressed in sport clothes; short skirts of heavy wool fabric, stout, high-laced boots, short jackets or knitted sweaters and mufflers.

Even more strenuous and active than skating is the exercise of gliding over frozen snow on snow shoes. But where any girl so inclined may take up skating, very few have the opportunity to learn snow shoeing. It is a sport of the wilds, and of the frozen northern latitudes. There are no artificial skeeing rinks, with steam-heated dressing rooms. One must be actually out-of-doors, and in a temperature below zero to indulge in this sport. Its costume is enormously picturesque—and as warm as wool-woven threads can make it. No place for fripperies on the costume whose wearer will have many a tumble before she acquires the rather difficult art of moving about on the treacherous shoes. A typical outfit is shown. The short skirt is of light blue wool blanket cloth and beneath it is a petticoat of knitted shetland wool, and bloomers of blue silk, lined with flannel. The tall boots are of heavy tan calf and are worn over woolen stockings—no silken hosiery for the girl who skees at twenty below zero! The gay coat is in shades of blue and pink on a white angora ground and is tied about with a blue angora sash. The knitted cap is of pink and blue wool and heavy angora gloves in white help to keep the hands warm.

Gunning is another winter sport that takes its enthusiast far afield—and its costume is no less picturesque than the snow shoeing costume, if of quite different style. The young woman dressed so trimly and practically in hunting togs is outfitted for duck-shooting in the Carolinas. Her well cut coat and skirt are of brown covert cloth, the coat having cartridge pockets below the belt, and the skirt buttoning down the front over covert cloth hunting breeches which have deep cuffs that lace over the tops of tall, stout tan boots. Her cap is a regulation hunting cap with ear-laps that may be drawn down on coldest days. There is not an inch of superfluous fabric or trimming to catch on brambles, or get in the way in boats and dug-outs, and the costume is both light and warm.

Motor Coats Luxuriously Warm.

Motoring is the sport that covers all sports; almost everything one does out-of-doors these days requires a motor for its commencement and its finish. One motors out to the pond for skating, or out to the country club for golf, even if one departs on a gunning trip, the faithful motor conveys one to the train. So above all other sport necessities in raiment, comes the requirement for a motor coat. Some women declare that fur-lined coats are warmer than fur coats. At any rate they feel warmer because of the soft wool outside and the fur turned inward so that one snuggles cosily against it at every turn. An English motor coat for winter wear is pictured; rather a bulky garment one must admit, but tremendously swagger for all that, and with excellent lines, considering the thickness of the blue and green blanket cloth and the lining of fur. A big collar of raccoon turns up about the neck. Under such a coat even a thin little frock of chiffon or silk may be donned with perfect comfort. The motor hat is of velvet in turban shape and coming well down over the head—a first requirement in any motor headgear for cold weather wear, for if one's head is cold one is cold all over. Instead of a veil there is a new head-scarf, or hood, made of soft faille silk in a becoming shade, lightly wadded between the two silk layers and made to fit the hat and head perfectly, straps and snap fasteners holding it firmly under the chin.

A few women continue to play golf all through the winter, and they know the delights of crisp days out on the open links, with brown grass underfoot and a very wine of invigoration in the air. Golf is possible in most localities until the severe snows of February and the softening ground of March prevent comfortable walking, and the winter golf girl has a very good time of it indeed—and a gloriously healthful and invigorating time. Golfing will not permit of cumbersome clothes. A long swing and a good drive are impossible unless arms and shoulders are free. Therefore the golf enthusiast wears a loose but well cut sport suit of warm worsted material, with knickers beneath, and heavy shoes laced over ribbed wool stockings. Her hat is of wool also and her gloves are special golfing gloves. A caddy usually carries her warm fur collared motor coat, so that it may be slipped on during the wait for a lost ball or immediately the game is over.

SANTA Up-to-Date

TRULY it is the grown-ups who get most fun out of the modern playthings—and who appreciate them most. Children are children, whatever the era of generation, and though the twentieth century child has been educated up to electric vehicles, character dolls and mission play-furniture; without his acquired sophistication he would be quite as happy over the good old toys—the wax-faced dollies, the absurd little dishes, the tops, the hoops, the animals on wheels, the rickety sailboats which allured his parents back in the eighties. One has to search, nowadays, to find these good old toys of one's own childhood. Few there are of them in the big, exclusive toy shops though they may be unearthed occasionally in humble little candy stores on back streets. The modern little girl, however, would scorn an ancient wax baby whose face would speedily become pasty in a modern steam heated nursery; and one can readily conceive the feelings of the small boy, pining for an electric-driven gunboat who found an old-fashioned Noah's Ark beside his stocking on Christmas morning.

Among the most interesting of the new playthings are the electric toys. There are automobiles by the score. Drawn up in the parking space of the toy store they make an impressive showing in their varieties of shape and size and color. There are roadsters and touring cars; racers, autostages, jitneys, trucks, delivery vans—and some of them are wonderful and expensive affairs. The electric boats are fascinating also—great dreadnaughts in somber battleship gray color, smart white cruisers, long and speedy of line, torpedo boats, submarines, and—the latest, this year—electric yachts, exquisite miniature replicas of luxurious pleasure craft, with polished wood and brass trimmings, awnings and low deck chairs, for all the world like a real millionaire's private yacht!

Toy furniture has advanced many stages beyond the rude, clumsy chairs and tables of a generation ago. And each year doll's furniture seems to grow larger. As big as a real baby's crib is a modern toy bedstead which any little housewife would delight in "making up" with real crib blankets, sheets and tufted comforters. The bed, of course, stands lower than a crib would and its proportions give it the effect of a large double bed in diminutive size—though two little girls of seven or eight years old could sleep in it very comfortably. No mere, painted pine affair either, is this up-to-date toy bed; but a dainty piece of furniture in ivory enamel with cane panels. Other beds for dolly are of white enamel with painted flower or Kewpie designs on head and footboards. Dressers, chairs and chiffoniers come in proportionate size and a nursery furnished with this pretty furniture is quite an impressive affair, fit for the handsomest doll obtainable.

And, by the way, speaking of dolls; this is the year of twin dollies. Every mother of a large family is inordinately proud if among them is at least one pair of twins—that goes without saying! So the little mother whose thriving doll family has been increased by a fine pair of twins, this Christmas, may well be overjoyed. The twin dolls must look alike of course, and must be dressed precisely alike, though sometimes one twin wears pink and the other blue, where coat, cap-ribbons and socks are concerned. Twin baby dolls seem to be the favorites, and there are special doll perambulators built to accommodate the attractive twins. Of all the Christmas dollies, baby dolls seem to be the most adored by their happy little mammas. Some of the character dolls, with faces like real babies—not exactly beautiful, but oh so interesting and full of personality—are in actual baby size, and require real baby clothes for their outfitting. There are also more conventional dollies, much dressed up in laces, flounces and sashes, and having wigs of real hair which may be braided, curled with an iron or even shampooed—delicious prospect for a busy little girl. An ingenious arrangement is a doll's body with four heads which may be attached or detached in a jiffy. If the small mamma tires of her golden-haired, blue eyed daughter, presto! she becomes in no time at all a stunning brunette with melting black eyes or a dashing strawberry blonde with red tresses, or just a comfortable betwixt-and-between with brown hair and gray eyes—after all the easiest type of femininity to get along with!

Rag doll-babies never seem to go out of favor and there are several new sorts; Sammy Socks, whose cap, coat and little breeches are made out of an ordinary cotton sock, the ribbed portion forming his stockings; the cosy pillow-dolls, so delightful to take a nap with though they are nothing, after all, but a pillow-case, tinted at the top with a pleasant face and tied about with a sash that supports a gathered petticoat; and many other kinds. A new rag baby, has head and hands of indestructible composition, feather-light as well as strong, so that baby need not be bumped by a fall against her crib-mate. Body and legs are of cotton-stuffed cloth and the clothes are removable for laundering.

Each year books for children become more fascinating and more beautiful. Here, at least, one is delighted at the advance made beyond the childish literature of an earlier era. Immense sums are spent in getting up these artistic and delightful picture books and among the most interesting of this year's output is a new "Alice in Wonderland" with stenciled decorations and illustrations.

The Ever-Lovable Rag Baby As She Appears This Season.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON PRICES SENT DOWN

Uneasiness Over International Situation Largely Responsible—Loss for Day of 11 to 20 Points.

New York, Dec. 16.—Uneasiness over the international political situation seemed to be largely responsible for further liquidation and Wall Street selling in the cotton market today. General business was quiet and prices eased off under comparatively small offerings with March breaking from 12.33, the early high level, to 12.18 and closing at 12.19. The general list closed barely steady at a net loss of 11 to 20 points for the day.

Cables were relatively easy and the market here opened at a decline of 3 to 11 points but soon steadied on a renewed demand from Liverpool straddle shorts and covering. Reports of steady Southern spot markets and a rally in New Orleans helped the local improvement which carried January up to 12.09 and May to 12.57 in the first hour. After the close abroad, however, prices weakened again under local, New Orleans, Memphis and Wall Street selling, with January easing off to 11.93 and March to 12.44. Closing prices were the lowest of the day.

There seemed to be no change in the general average of the news from the South. Private cables attributed the decline in Liverpool to some hedge selling in a narrow market, but selling against actual was said to be little in evidence here and private advices reported continued steadiness among interior holders.

The decline in the London market for bar silver attracted some bearish attention because of its bearing upon Lancashire trade, but this item was considered offset by reports of continued activity in domestic goods and a tendency toward the larger estimate of domestic mill requirements.

Weakness in the stock market may have accounted for some of the Wall Street selling and the talk around the ring suggested a pretty well divided sentiment with bears looking forward to increased spot offerings with the approach of the holidays while bulls are counting upon continued stability in that quarter.

Futures closed barely steady:

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	11.99	12.09	11.93	11.93
March	12.25	12.33	12.18	12.19
May	12.50	12.57	12.44	12.44
July	12.62	12.70	12.55	12.56
October	12.27	12.33	12.16	12.19

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 12.20; sales none.

THE PORT MOVEMENT

New Orleans—Middling, 11.82; receipts, 3,754; exports, 8,829; sales, 1,360; stock, 367,800.

Galveston—Middling, 12.15; receipts, 14,223; sales, 1,236; stock, 337,747.

Mobile—Middling, 11.63; receipts, 1,954; sales, 225; stock, 27,527.

Savannah—Middling, 12.13; receipts, 3,288; exports, 5,650; sales, 986; stock, 224,653.

Charleston—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 716; stock, 106,452.

Wilmington — Receipts, 214; stock, 51,283.

Texas City—Stock, 11,316.

Norfolk—Middling, 11.63; receipts, 3,240; sales, 1,624; stock, 128,549.

Baltimore—Exports, 2,979; stock, 3,941.

Boston — Middling, 12.30; receipts, 290; exports, 149; stock, 10,500.

Philadelphia — Middling, 12.45; receipts, 50; stock, 2,684.

New York—Middling, 12.20; receipts, 203; exports, 6,078; stock, 304,943.

Minor ports—Stock, 55,806.

Total today—Receipts, 39,257; exports, 23,685; stock, 1,621,887.

Total for week—Receipts, 218,318; exports, 138,627.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,687,856; exports, 2,085,501.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 12.05; receipts, 10,526; shipments, 9,962; sales, 1,115; stock, 227,604.

Memphis—Middling, 12.12; receipts, 4,489; shipments, 3,166; sales, 1,600; stock, 327,076.

Augusta—Middling, 11.63; receipts, 1,809; shipments, 742; sales, 989; stock, 206,120.

St. Louis—Middling, 12¼; receipts, 1,070; shipments, 1,957; stock, 14,078.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 2,700; shipments, 636; stock, 21,507.

Little Rock—Middling, 12.13; receipts, 623; shipments, 1,246; sales, 1,246; stock, 46,348.

Dallas—Middling, 11.60.

Montgomery—Middling, 11.50; sales, 155.

Total today—Receipts, 21,217; shipments, 17,709; stock, 842,733.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

International Affairs Cause a Decline of 14 to 18 Points.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—Cotton fell on the local market today under unfavorable reports concerning the situation between this country and Austria. The opening was at the decline and except for a short period around the middle of the day the market stood at the decline throughout the session, closing at a net loss of 14 to 18 points, the low level of the day. On the opening selling was stimulated by poor Liverpool and press accounts of the Austrian reply to the American note. Prices fell 10 to 18 points in the early trading but the market did not show much life and a moderate demand toward noon caused a recovery. At the highest leading months were unchanged to there points, compared with yesterday's close. In the early afternoon the market was dull, but toward the close prices fell under a heavy volume of selling.

Whatever steadiness the market had during the day was due to realizing by shorts, bullish forecasts of Monday's report on ginning by the census bureau and accounts of firm spot holders in the interior. Locally, spot quotations were unchanged.

Closed steady. Closing bids: January 11.78; March 12.10; May 12.33; July 12.47; October 12.06.

Spot quiet unchanged. Sales on the spot 945, to arrive 415. Middling 11.82.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 16. — Turpentine, quiet, 52½; sales, —; receipts, 292; shipments, 1; stock, 16,179.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 1,384; receipts, 2,122; shipments, 7,846; stock, 71,940. Quote: A, B, C, D, 5.15; E, F, 5.25; G, H, 5.30; I, 5.35; K, 5.90; M, 6.20; N, 5; W G, 6.90@6.95; W W, 6.90

WHEAT PRICES GO HIGHER

Uneasiness Over Interference With Receipts Affects Market—All Leading Staples Show Gains.

Chicago, Dec. 16. — Uneasiness over chances that receipts of wheat here might be greatly interfered with by a spread of railroad strike troubles and of railroad embargoes tended today to carry the wheat market decidedly higher. A strong market resulted at 1½ to 2c. net advance, with December at 1.18 and May at 1.18⅞. Other leading staples, too, all showed gains. Corn, 1⅝@1¾ to 2⅛; oats, ¼@⅜ to ½@⅝, and provisions, 5@7½ to 50c.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—December, 1.18; May, 1.18⅞.

Corn—December, 71⅝; May, 73⅝.

Oats—December, 42⅜; May, 45⅝.

Pork—January, 18.82; May, 18.70.

Lard—January, 9.70; May, 10.00.

Ribs—January, 9.85; May, 10.22.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, nominal; No. 2, white, 1.07; No. 2, hard, 1.17½@1.18¼; No. 3, hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, old, 73½; No. 4, yellow, new, 68@70; No. 4, white, new, 68@70½.

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—52c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.20; small, $5.10.

TAR—$2.20-9c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

Quotation same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 43. Rosin, $3.20. Tar, $2.00-8½. Crude Turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine .....(—)

Rosin 9

Tar..... 192

Crude Turpentine 7

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 4 casks; rosin, 32 barrels; tar, 156 barrels; crude turpentine, 1 barrel.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11¼c. Quotation same day last year, 7c.

Receipts—212 bales; same day last year, 1,114 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 133,432 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 81,811 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 16.

Atlantic Coast Line—123 bales cotton; 9 barrels rosin; 152 barrels tar; 7 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—89 bales cotton. Str. Luray—40 barrels tar.

Total—212 bales cotton; 9 barrels rosin; 192 barrels tar; 7 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 16.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; Lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 16.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market lower. Fancy hand-picked, 80c.; No. 1, machine picked, 75c. per bushel.

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop, steady; No. 1, small, machine-picked, 85c.; Jumbos, 80c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 16.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.15 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; new prime, 3c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16. — Influenced by the steadiness of lard and of crude oil, the early market for cotton seed oil was firm, and a little higher. Considerable realizing developed on the rise, however, and an adjustment of local accounts prior to the government report on crush and linters tomorrow caused late reactions which left the market finally about 1 to 2 points net lower. Sales, 8,600 bales. Closed firm. Spot, 8.25 bid; January, 8.39@8.41; February, 8.38@8.41; March, 8.40@8.41; April, 8.41@8.48; May, 8.51@8.52; June, 8.54@8.60; July, 8.61@8.62; December, 8.35@8.40.

STOCK MARKET IS HEAVY

Flurry in Anglo-French Bonds Breaks. German and Austrian Exchange Show Further Weakness.

New York, Dec. 16.—The more acute phase in the situation between Washington and Vienna was popularly advanced as the principal reason for today's heavy market. The flurry created yesterday by the extensive sales and resultant declines in Anglo-French bonds seemed to have run its natural course. That issue was only moderately active today, with minimum quotations of 94 3-8 and 94 1-8, respectively, for regular and future offerings.

Another break in German and Austrian exchange accentuated the terse diplomatic relations. Marks fell to 76 and kronen to 13 1-4, both new minimums but marks recovered substantially later. Sterling was barely steady and francs were strong.

Dealings in stocks savored strongly of professional more or less and were confined to undue proportion to specialties. Mercantile Marine preferred, Texas Company and Westinghouse comprised the most prominent features, several of these far outstripping United States Steel, the usual leader, in point of activity.

Gains in these descriptions and others like New York Airbrake, Crucible Steel, United Fruit, Consolidated Gas, United States Industrial Alcohol, National Biscuit and the Department Store issues, assumed very decided proportions in the forenoon but were largely if not entirely dissipated before the close. General Motors common and preferred were consistently heavy, the former dropping 22 1-2 to 510 1-2. United States Steel reflected selling of the same character recently noted, making an extreme decline of 1 1-8 at 85. Bethlehem Steel remained unquoted and coppers were a negligible factor. Prices were at lowest levers at the close, rails losing 1 to 2 points on enlarged offerings of the more representative shares.

Further selling of the International list was the only external evidence of the British chancellor's plan to mobilize American securities. The Bank of England reported a slight decrease in its liability reserve and an infinitesimal gain in gold.

Bonds were heavy with numerous "future" transactions. Total sales, par value, aggregated $4,537,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	31
American Beet Sugar	69
American Can	59
American Car and Foundry	78½
American Cities, pfd	46
American Cotton Oil	55¼
American Locomotive	68⅝
American Smelting	97⅜
American Sugar	115¼
American Tel and Tel	128⅝
American Tobacco	205½
Anaconda Copper	84½
Atchison	105¼
Atlantic Coast Line	113
Baldwin Locomotive	113⅛
Baltimore and Ohio	92
Bethlehem Steel	480
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88½
Canadian Pacific	178¾
Central Leather	52⅜
Chesapeake and Ohio	62
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	92⅜
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	14⅞
Consolidated Gas	143¼
Crucible Steel	72⅛
Erie	41⅛
General Electric	172
General Motors	513
Great Northern, pfd	124¾
Illinois Central	107
Interborough Consol. Corp	21¾
Kansas City Southern	124¾
Lehigh Valley	81¼
Louisville and Nashville	129½
Liggett and Myers	250
Lorillard Co	180
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd.	15½
Mex. Petroleum	94
National Lead	63½
New York Central	104⅜
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	74½
Norfolk and Western	120
Northern Pacific	115½
Pennsylvania	58⅞
Reading	80⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel	53½
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	110½
Seaboard Air Line	B. 13
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	40
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	63½
Studebaker Corporation	168
Southern Pacific	100
Southern Railway	22
Southern Railway, pfd	B. 61¼
Tennessee Copper	56½
Texas Co	227
Texas and Pacific	14⅝
Union Pacific	136½
United States Rubber	53½
United States Steel	85¼
United States Steel, pfd	116⅛
Utah Copper, ex. div	77½
Virginia-Caro Chem	B. 46
Western Union	88⅝
Westinghouse Electric	67¾
Great Northern Ore	47⅝
Va. I., C. and C	60
Wabash B. W. I.	27⅞
Missouri Pacific	3⅛
United Fruit	148⅛

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 16. — Hogs—Market, weak. Bulk, 6.20@6.60; light, 5.95@6.55; mixed, 6.10@6.70; heavy, 6.20@6.70; rough, 6.20@6.35; pigs, 4.50@6.00.

Cattle—Weak. Native beef steers, 6.00@11.00; cows and heifers, 2.80@8.35; calves, 6.75@10.25.

Sheep—Unsettled. Wethers, 6.10@6.90; ewes, 4.25@6.35; lambs, 6.90@9.60.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 16. — Cotton: Spot, steady; middling, 7.90; middling, 7.53; low middling, 7.09; sales, 8,000; for speculation and export, 500. Receipts, 2,000. Futures, barely steady. December, 7.34; December-January, 7.33½; January-February, 7.33; February-March, 7.32½; March-April, 7.31½; April-May, 7.28; May-June, 7.25; June-July, 7.21½; July-August, 7.18; August-September, 7.03; September-October, 6.88½; October-November, 6.83½.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16. — Cotton goods and yarns were steady today. Raw silk slightly firmer. Dress goods were priced for fall, 1916, and broadcloths advanced from 5 cents to 7½ cents a yard.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 17, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 42 degrees; at 8 P. M., 54 degrees; maximum, 54 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .01 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .77 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Local rains and warmer Friday, Saturday probably fair and colder.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 17, 1915.

Sun rises ..... 7:12 A. M.

Sun sets ..... 5:05 P. M.

Day's length ..... 9 hrs. 48 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	6:57	7:12	1:30	2:12
Southport	5:00	5:10	11:12	11:18
Masonboro Inl	4:49	4:59	10:52	10:58

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 16, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 3 p.m.
Abilene	cldy	48	48	.04
Asheville	clear	50	34	.02
Atlanta	cldy	62	40	.04
Augusta	clear	70	44	.0
Birmingh.	pt cldy	70	58	.0
Boston	—	—	22	.—
Baltimore	cldy	38	—	.0
Charleston	clear	68	46	.0
Charlotte	cldy	40	34	.06
Chicago	rain	34	30	.01
Galveston	cldy	70	66	.0
Jacksonv	clear	72	50	.0
Memphis	rain	70	60	.46
Mobile	cldy	70	60	.0
Montgom'y	cldy	74	58	.0
New Orl.	pt cldy	76	62	.0
New York	pt cldy	38	24	.0
Oklahoma	cldy	38	38	.26
Palestine	cldy	68	68	1.20
Pittsburg	rain	34	18	.0
Raleigh	cldy	42	32	.12
Savannah	clear	72	50	.0
Shreveport	rain	74	64	.34
St. Louis	rain	38	32	.48
Washing'n	rain	38	22	.0

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16. — Mercantile paper, 3@3¼; Sterling, sixty day bills, 4.6750; demand, 4.7200; cables, 4.7275. Bar silver, 54⅛. Mexican dollars, 41½. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, heavy. Time loans, easier; sixty and ninety days, 2½@2¾; six months, 2¾@3. Call money, easier; ruling rate, 2.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 16. — Raw sugar, steady; centrifugal, 4.77; molasses sugar, 4.00; refined, steady.

Coffee—Spot, quiet. Rio, No. 7, 7⅝; Santos, No. 4, 9c.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Firm.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in one certain mortgage given by D. M. Beardsley and wife, Saran E. Beardsley, to H. A. Burr, Jr., on August 13, 1914, and duly recorded in Book 78, page 44, Public Records of New Hanover County, and assigned by the said mortgagee to the Standard Supply Company, default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1915, at 12:00 o'clock, M., at the Court House door, in Wilmington, North Carolina, offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described pieces, parcels or lots of land, located in Harnett Township, New Hanover County, and bounded and described as follows:

First Tract—Being lot No. 5, Block A, on the revised map of Seagate Park, and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the western line of Myrtle Avenue, seven hundred and four (704) feet northwardly from its intersection with the northern line of Bradley's Creek Macadam Road, said point being south 30 degrees west about three hundred and fifty (350) feet from high water mark of west side of Bradley's Creek, runs thence south 30 degrees west and along said western line of Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet to a point in the northern line of Lot No. six (6) in said Block, runs thence north 61 degrees west and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, thence north 30 degrees east and parallel with Myrtle avenue fifty-four (54) feet; thence south 61 degrees east and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches to the western line of Myrtle Avenue, the beginning.

Second Tract—Being Lot No. 4, Block A, according to Revised Map of Seagate Park, recorded in Book 65, at page 465 of the Records of New Hanover County, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of a tract of land now or formerly belonging to Gertrude J. Howell, said point being located north 30 degrees E. 715 feet from the northerly line of Bradley's Creek Road, and running thence north 30 degrees E. 377 feet, more or less, to high water mark, or west side of Bradley's or Lee's Creek; thence in a southeastwardly direction along said high water mark of said creek fifty-eight (58) feet to the northwestern corner of Lot No. 3, in said Block; thence south 30 degrees west along the western line of said Lot No. 3, 362 feet, to the southwest corner of said lot No. 3, and thence north 61 degrees west fifty-two and two-tenths (52.2) feet to the beginning, together with neiessary right of way as granted in deed from A. W. Pate and wife to S. W. Sebrell, dated April 30, 1909, duly recorded in Book 58, at page 268 of the Records of said County.

Said sale being made subject to a first mortgage for approximately $450.00, given by H. A. Burr, Jr., and wife, to the Rural Building and Loan Association and recorded in Book 68, page 72.

This the 15th day of November, 1915.

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Ar. Washington ..... 7:50 A. M.
Ar. New York ..... 11:40 P. M.

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No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 63. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64. 6:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 61. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 83. 8:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 58. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 59. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 42. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31 A. M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	ae1:10 P. M.	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	a2:36 P. M.	a2:25 P. M.	.....
c d2:35 P.M.	.....	.....	c d3:06 P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	b5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	e6:40 P. M.	7:31 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	f7:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
1:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS.

Leave Front and Princess Streets every half hour from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.
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BREAK WITH AUSTRIA NOW PROBABLE OVER THE ANCONA ATTACK

(Continued from Page One.)

spondence which it had with another government about another affair.

Information in Case Differs.

"The Austro-Hungarian government is the less able to follow the Washington cabinet in this unusual attitude as it in no way possesses a knowledge of all the correspondence having reference to it. The Austro-Hungarian government also is not of the opinion that this knowledge could be sufficient for the present case, which, according to its own information, is materially different from the case or cases to which the American government apparently is referring. Therefore, the Austro-Hungarian government must leave it to the Washington cabinet to draw up the individual legal maxims which the commander of the submarine is alleged to have violated when sinking the Ancona.

"The American government also thought it advisable to point out the attitude which the Berlin cabinet in the before mentioned exchange of correspondence had taken. In the highly esteemed note the Austro-Hungarian government should have intended thereby to express an opinion as if a precedent exists for the present case, the Austro-Hungarian government, in order to prevent misunderstandings, must declare that it, of course, must preserve full liberty to urge its own legal interpretations during the discussion of the Ancona case."

The government expresses to Ambassador Penfield full sympathy for the victims of the Ancona sinking, says the correspondent.

APPROVE AUSTRIAN NOTE.

German Papers Take Side of Germany's Ally in Ancona Case.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 17.—The Lokal Anzeiger, the Tages Zeitung, the Kreuz Zeitung and the Zeitung Am Mittag, all express approval of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the American note on the Ancona. Of the out-of-town papers, the Cologne Gazette and the Cologne Volks Zeitung praise "the deft and polished manner in which Count Burian found weaknesses in his opponent's fence."

President Wilson, says the Anzeiger, has considered it right to demand in the brusquest tone compensation and self punishment on the basis of statements of anonymous witnesses and on the basis of material which was so slightly convincing that the collector was forced to rob it of effectiveness by indefinite expressions like "reliable information"; or that "the ship apparently did not attempt to escape."

"It is the President's duty now to prove that the Ancona did not flee. If he is unsuccessful in this he will have no alternative, in view of his earlier interpretation of international law, to abandoning satisfaction of his demands."

REPLY DELIVERED WEDNESDAY

American Note Causes High State of Public Indignation.

Vienna, Wednesday, Dec. 15 (via London, Dec. 16):—The Austro-Hungarian government's reply to the American note on the Ancona was transmitted at noon today to the American ambassador, Frederick C. Penfield.

The American note as published in the Vienna newspapers resulted in a high state of indignation, and while the text of the Austrian reply has not been made public it is understood that common is indicated on which the United States and Austria might come to an understanding.

Those conversant with the contents of the reply express the conviction that the American government cannot fail to realize the justice and moderation of the Austrian governments' attitude, and view the reply as a fair and open-minded document showing the imperial government's willingness to do whatever is right.

RECALL IS EXPECTED

Feeling Existing in Vienna Over the Ancona Incident.

London, Dec. 16.—A message to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam quotes a telegram received from Vienna as saying the feeling there is that the United States will ask for the recall of the Austrian embassy, as the Austrian note on the Ancona case is couched in such terms that such a step is considered unavoidable.

"It is said that the note was submitted to the German Ambassador before the presentation to Ambassador Penfield says he news agency dispatch, and that Dr. Dumba, the recalled ambassador to the United States, took a hand in drafting the document."

The message adds that in today's editorials in Vienna newspapers on the note extensive excisions appear.

LINER "WANTONLY SHELLED."

Ancona Passenger, in Boston, Describes the Disaster.

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 16.—A statement that the liner Ancona, sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean November 7, was "wantonly shelled" while she was coming to a stop and that the shells fell among lifeboats after they were lowered, was made tonight by George K. Moore, of this city, a representative of an importing corporation with offices in Boston, who said he was a passenger on the Ancona. Mr. Moore arrived in Boston today on the steamer Cretic from Naples.

He characterized the behavior of the crew of the Ancona as "disheartening" only four boats were lowered, he claimed, although orderly leadership would have done wonders in reducing the loss of life. He said that the boat he entered was upset by a woman jumping on the gunwale.

"I should say the Ancona was sunk about 18 minutes after we heard the first shot," he said. "I am satisfied the ship was wantonly shelled and I know that shells fell among the life boats."

Umbrellas for ladies, children and men, from 75 cents to $5.00. C. H. Fore & Co. (advertisement.)

OUTLAWS WHO HELD UP TRAIN SAFE IN ARKANSAS MOUNTAINS

Escape With Four Registered Packages From Express Car.

Mena, Ark., Dec. 16.—Three outlaws, who early today held up a southbound passenger train on the Kansas City Southern railroad near here, blew open the safe in the express car and escaped with four registered packages, are tonight safe in the mountains of West Arkansas. Posses which pursued the robbers tonight discontinued the search. Postoffice inspectors said the stolen packages were of small value.

The scene of the hold-up was in the rugged mountain country. As the train approached a sharp turn, C. E. Covert, engineer, stopped the train when he saw a man on the track swinging a lantern. As he did so the robbers covered him with revolvers and ordered him to uncouple the express and mail cars. Covert then was forced to run the detached part of his train two miles to a seciuded part of the country.

AGED WOMAN LOSES HER LIFE AS FLYING BOAT IS WRECKED

Wanted to Fly Once Bfeore Retiring to Quiet Life—Seized With Fit.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 16.—Expressing the desire to "fly once before retiring to a quiet life," Mrs. Lulu Comstock, age 74, of this city, arranged for a flight with Autur Antone Meyerhoffer, Jr., that ended today with the falling of the flying boat in the waters of San Diego Bay and the death of the woman.

Mrs. Comstock, before the flight, said she wished to be taken up at least 1,500 feet. A few minutes after the flight started, according to Meyerhoffer, Mrs. Comstock was seized with a fit and reaching out grabbed him in a firm grasp.

MRS. DREXEL WINS SUIT.

Gets Judgment to Recover Money from Her Husband in London.

London, Dec. 16.—A judgment in favor of Margarita Armstrong Drexel, wife of the American bankers, Anthony J. Drexel, was rendered today in her suit to recover money under a separation deed. Mr. Drexel claimed that his domicile was France and that therefore he was outside the jurisdiction of the English courts.

A woman knows her heart when she is not sure of htr own mind.

The best poetry that comes in man's life's is a loving wife.

URGE DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN TRADE

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of Mexico, General Gorgas declared there will be opened up to the Southern States a vast field in which to trade. Scientific sanitary measures which made the Panama Canal Zone healthful, he declared, have proved that this can be done.

Former Secretary of State Bryan gave his address on "The War in Europe and Its Lessons for Us," which he has delivered before a number of audiences, and in which he advocated a peaceful policy for the United States and deprecated "preparedness," blaming it on "jingo editors" and manufacturers of war material.

Surgeon L. L. Lumsden, speaking on "Rural Sanitation," advocated the employment by each county of a health officer or where a county's population is too small, that several counties employ such an officer together.

TIDE OF EMIGRATION TO U. S. DECREASING

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1915 and 330,467 for 1914, showing a net decrease for all alien departures of 249,631.

Excess of arrivals over departures, aliens alone being considered, was only 50,070 in 1915. In 1914, the excess was 769,276.

Of the 326,700 immigrant aliens admitted to the United States in the 1915 fiscal year, 52,982 were under fourteen years of age; 244,472 from 14 to 44 years old and 29,246 were 45 or over. Those over fourteen who could neither read nor write numbered 35,057, those able to read but not write were 392, making the total number of illiterates over fourteen, 35,449, or thirteen per cent.

Deported aliens numbered 26,675. This included 24,111 excluded at ports and sent back to their country of origin and 2,564 arrested and expelled from the country. Of those excluded, 2,722 were denied admission because they were contract laborers.

Ford auto robes, $3.50 at C. H. Fore & Co. (advertisement.)

See us today for auto robes. C. H. Fore & Co. (advertisement.)

PLAN TO BETTER CO-OPERATE IN WORK OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Sunday School Council and Mission Representatives Confer.

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—Plans for greater co-operation among religious organizations in Sunday school work throughout the world were made at a conference here today of a committee representing the foreign mission boards of various denominations and the Sunday school council of evangelical churches of North America with the executive committee of the World's Sunday School Association.

This work now is under the control of a committee composed of 25 members of the association. The agreement adopted today provides that this committee shall be increased to 36, of which the association shall have 18 members, the foreign mission conference of North America 12, and the Sunday school council of Evangelical churches six.

This will give the various denominations a more equal representation in the work of the association in foreign countries. Sunday school leaders declared before the plan is put in operation, however, it will have to have the sanction of the mission conference and the Sunday School Council, both of which meet next month.

WOMAN'S VOTE IS NEEDED IN SOUTH

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port the militant tactics of the Congressional Union, that they were non-partisan in their appeals for voters on the Susan B. Anthony amendment and that they appealed to both Democrats and Republicans.

Mrs. Dodge told the committee that the anti-suffragists represented the great majority of unorganized women of the country who opposed suffrage and believed that the question should be left to the states. She referred to the recent defeat of suffrag in New York, Massachusetts and other states and said it would be unfair for Congress to force these states to vote again on a subject already decided. Mrs. O. D. Oliphant, secretary of the New Jersey Association Opposed to Suffrage, declared that women were not suffering any injustice from man-made government.

All grades of auto robes from $3.50 to $10.00. C. H. Fore & Co. (Advertisement.)

TO WAGE JOINT FIGHT.

Two Suffrage Bodies Join to Present Claims to Congress.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Joint action with the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage in the fight before Congress for a Federal suffrage amendment was determined upon today by the National American Woman Suffrage Association in annual convention here. The association adopted a resolution proposed by Miss Zona Gale, of Portage, Wis., a member of both organizations.

Since soon after the formation of the Congressional Union the two bodies have been at odds, the leaders of the association disapproving of the so-called militant tactics of the union.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, will be the only candidate for president when the association elects officers tomorrow. Mrs. Mina Van Winkle, of New Jersey, who had been placed at the head of an opposition ticket, late today withdrew her name.

SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED FROM COMITY COMMITTEES.

With View to Avoiding Friction in Presbyterian Assemblies.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 16—Announcement of the appointment of the sub-committee of the comity committees of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches, which met here today to formulate more definite rules regarding the work of the assemblies of the two churches, where they come into conflict, and with a view to avoiding friction, was made here tonight following adjournment of the committees to meet in Philadelphia early in March.

No final agreement on cases in New Orleans, El Paso and Fayetteville, Ark., to consider which the committees were appointed, was reached, although members said substantial progress had been made.

The committee, which will formulate the proposed rules, will report to the next meeting of the assemblies of the two churches, which will take final action on their work. The sub-committee is composed of the following ministers:

Southern Assembly—Dr. William McF. Alexander, New Orleans, moderator of the assembly, and Dr. Homer McMillan, Atlanta.

Northern Assembly—Dr. J. R. Stevenson, president of Princeton Theological Seminary and moderator of the Northern Assembly, and Dr. William H. Roberts, Philadelphia, stated clerk of the assembly.

DUPONT DETECTIVES ARREST MAN HELD UNDER SUSPICION.

Large Quantity of Dynamite and Other Explosives in His Room.

Salem, N. J., Dec. 16.—Detectives of the DuPont Powder Company today arrested John Szodoba, alias Dr. Jacob Swoboda, alias Louis Hartman, a former employe, who, according to the detectives and Salem officials, recently has been acting in a suspicious manner and who, they believe, knows more about the recent explosions at the DuPont plants than he will admit. The charge lodged against Szodoba was the larceny of goods valued at about $3, but Magistrate Harris D. Smith, who held the prisoner under $1,000 bail for a further hearing, declared tonight that he considered the arrest "a very important one." Szoboda was taken into custody at his boarding house at Penn Grove, where is located one of DuPont's largest plants. In his room the officials say they found a large quantity of gun-cotton, both raw and treated, nitroglycerine, dynamite, black powder of the finest quality, and a number of letters written in French and German. The explosives, he told Magistrate Smith, had been left in his room by fellow boarders. The letters are being translated.

Szoboda admitted, the police say, that he had at least five aliases, and that he had served jail sentences in various parts of the country.

The prisoner, who is well educated, and who speaks both French and German, had been under suspicion for two weeks, said Magistrate Smith. He had been employed in one of the DuPont company's plants at Pen Grove since about September 1. A few weeks ago, after an order was issued that all employes must be photographed Szoboda gave up his position. He is 56 years old.

PEACE UNION PROTESTS.

Resolves Itself Against Increases in the Army and Navy.

New York, Dec. 16.—The trustees of the Church Peace Union, representing 29 different church organizations, passed resolutions at a meeting here today protesting against any increase in the army or navy.

The resolutions say military preparedness has proved inadequate as a safeguard against war and ask all pastors and ministers to help to foster a deeper spirit of racial sympathy and international good will. The meeting was held at the home of Bishop David H. Greer, of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Church Peace Union was founded by Andrew Carnegie in February, 1914. Its object is to promote international peace through the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish churches. It has the income from a $2,000,000 endowment.

C. H. Fore & Co., are showing the latest novelty in neckwear. (Advertisement.)

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LOST — SMALL GREEN BOAT, LAST week, at foot of Queen street. Letter "E" cut on stern. Reward will be paid for any information regarding the whereabouts of this boat. E. M. Boswell, 713 Surry St., de15-tf

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WILMINGTON, N. C.
Condensed Report of Condition to Comptroller, at Close of Business, November 10th, 1915.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,417,210.29	Capital Stock	$ 250,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	279,000.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits	57,833.30
North Carolina 4 per cent Bonds (at par)	45,000.00	Circulation	250,000.00
Bonds and Securities	24,213.50	Rediscounts (with Federal Reserve Bank)	77,266.45
Banking House and Fixtures	45,662.65	Special Bond Account	45,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00	Reserve Account (for Building)	20,000.00
Real Estate	43,026.36	Bills Payable	70,000.00
Cash in our Vaults $124,501.42		DEPOSITS	1,692,829.70
Due from Banks and U. S. Treas. 484,314.73	608,816.15		
Total	$2,462,929.45	Total	$2,462,929.45

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OF WILMINGTON, N. C.,
AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 10th, 1915.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$4,745,818.48	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	810,000.00	Surplus and Net Profits	665,568.88
Bank Building	487,793.51	Circulation	750,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	288,400.00	Special Deposit Bonds	115,000.00
Liquidation Account Southern National Bank	106,138.85	Special Reserve	21,000.00
Cash and Due by Banks	2,011,503.12	Deposits	5,898,094.88
	$8,449,653.76		$8,449,653.76

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